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Working for God With Earnestness

**The 97th Annual Session
of the
Convention of
Original Free Will Baptists**

May 19 – 21, 2009

Reports Book

FIVE YEAR THEME
WORKING FOR GOD EFFECTIVELY
(John 6:27)

Annual Themes

2008 - 2009
Working for God With Enthusiasm
(I Corinthians 3:9)

2009 - 2010
Working for God With Earnestness
(Matthew 9:37)

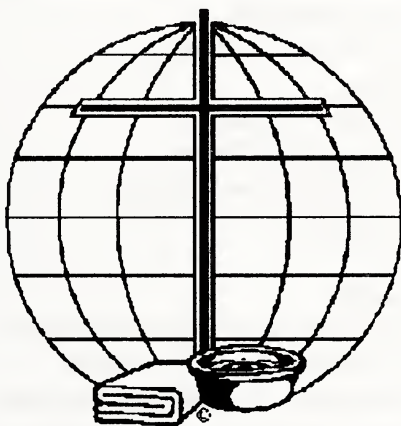
2010 - 2011
Working for God With Expectation
(John 6:29)

2011 - 2012
Working for God With Endurance
(Galatians 6:9)

2012 - 2013
Working for God With Enjoyment
(I Timothy 5:18)

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Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
May 19 – 21, 2009
*"Working For God With Earnestness"***

TUESDAY, May 19

- 5:30 p.m.** Fifth Annual Pastor's I.M.P.A.C.T. Banquet,
Murphy Center
7:30 p.m. Convention Worship Service - Kornegay Arena

WEDNESDAY, May 20

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration Opens—Kornegay Arena
9:15—9:30 Singing, Scripture, Prayer, Special Music
9:30—10:30 **Opening Plenary Session**
Call to Order
Welcome to Mount Olive College
The President's Message
Executive Committee Report
Finance Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report
Announcements, First Readings
Recognition of Conference Moderators
Recognition of Fraternal Delegates /Guests
10:30—10:50 Break—VISIT THE MINISTRY DISPLAY AREA
10:50—11:50 **Worship Service**
11:50 – 12:00 Information on Afternoon Workshops
12:00—1:15 **Lunch in the Murphy Center**
1:30—2:00 General Information Plenary Session—Raper Hall
Southern Bank Auditorium
2:10 - 3:00 Workshop Session I - Raper Hall
3:10 - 4:00 Workshop Session II - Raper Hall
5:45 p.m. Sunday School Banquet - Murphy Center

7:30 p.m. Mission Rally—Kornegay Arena
Hosted by Home Missions and Evangelism

THURSDAY, May 21

8:30 a.m. Registration Re-opens

9:00—9:15 Singing, Scripture, Prayer

The Convention Reconvenes
Announcements, Final Readings

9:15—10:15 **Ministry Reports**

FWB Press
Foreign Missions
Minister's Program
Church Finance Association
Commission on Ed. for Christian Ministry

Congregational Singing & Fellowship

Ministerial Association
Carolina Bible Institute
Camp Vandemere
Layman's League
Chaplain's Commission

10:15—10:30 Break - VISIT THE MINISTRY DISPLAY AREA

10:30—11:30 **Worship Service**

11:30—11:45 Break - VISIT THE MINISTRY DISPLAY AREA

11:45—12:30 **Closing Session**

Election and Installation of Officers,
Boards and Committees
Approval of Ministry Reports
and Recommendations
Resolutions Committee Report
Centennial Celebration Report
Memorial Committee

12:30 **The Convention is Adjourned**

Boards and Committees

Convention Executive Committee

Officers:

President – Charles L. Renfrow (2010)
Vice President – Harold Swinson (2010)

Secretary – Al Warrick (2009)
Treasurer – Kevin Jackson (2009)

Conference Representatives:

Albemarle – Al Markuson (2009)
Cape Fear – Sam Weeks (2010)
Central – Leon Grubbs (2010)
Eastern – Tim Heath (2010)

Paul Palmer – Wayne Sheffield (2009)
Pee Dee – Gary Bryan (2009)
Piedmont – Dale Belvin (2009)
Western – Ray Wells (2009)

Children's Home

Franklin Vester, Ila Penny, Donna Holland (2009)
Sherman Dilley, Ken Benton, Judy Aycock (2010)
Johnny Sullivan, Wanda Crocker, Tom Parrish (2011)
James W. Cahoon, Doug Skinner, Sherry Askew (2012)
Rebecca Davenport (Emeritus Member)

Foreign Missions

Philip Wood (2009), Phillip Boykin (2010), John Hill (2011), Gary Bailey (2012), Wayne King (2013), Henry Armstrong (Honorary Member for Life)

Home Missions & Evangelism

Braxton Carter (2009), Peyton Lee (2010), Howard McPherson (2011), Carlee Stallard (2012), Wayne Britt (2013), Bruce Jones (2014), Lewis Forsythe (2015) Elaine Swans 2016

Minister's Program

Richard Glosson (2009), Phillip Boykin (2010), Randall Smith (2011), Sherman Dilley (2012), Ricky Warren (2013)

Mount Olive College

Charles Pittman, Kenneth K. Moore, Billy Creech, Kenneth Jones, II, Sandra Tillman
Howard Scott (2009) Mary Drummond 2015

Adrian Grubbs, C. Darrell Horne, Eugene Sumner, Carroll Hawkins,
Bobby Williamson (2010)

Christine Greene, Gene Jernigan, Lloyd Jones, Jr., Robert B. Kornegay,
Danny McPherson (2011)

Carolyn Jernigan, Linda Staunch, Kim Quinn, Earl Worley, Jr., H. M. Poythress (2012)

Donald Ribeiro, Stanley C. Harrell, Charles McLawhorn, Jr., Emmett Pope, III,
Jerilyn Lee (2013)

Jane Tripp, Donnie Lassiter, Wendell Murphy, Jean Averette, De W. Eakes (2014)

Retirement Homes

Reginald Parker, Lloyd Hargis (2009); Michael Barnhill, Johnny Johnson (2010)
Jerry English, Sondra Thick (2011); Jean McPherson, George Wooten (2012)
Clifford Ball, Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2013)

Historical Commission *2012*

Alan Lamm (2009), Pam Wood (2010), Edmundo Gonzalez (2011), Gary Barefoot
(Honorary), Michael Pelt (Honorary)

Chaplain's Commission

Harry Grubbs (2009), Frank Harrison (2010), Mark Hobbs (2011), Preston Smith (2012),
Philip Wood (2013)

Cragmont Assembly

Stock Representatives:

Donald Ribeiro, Neal Cox (2009)
Mike Barnhill, Gary Bailey (2010)
Donnie Lassiter, Nancy Boykin (2011)

Positions previously filled by the League Convention:

Sharlene Howell (2009), Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2010), Carol Davis (2011)

Convention Board of Trustees

Paul Grubbs (09), Jimmy Webster (2010), Walt Tyndall (2011)

Church Finance Association Representative

Laura Monroe (2009)

Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Representative

Alan Joyner (2009)

Laymen's League Board

Dan Vernelson, Michael Griffin, Otis Gatlin, Barry Medlin (2009)
Roy Wetherington, Bill Armitage, Dale Springs, Billy Gurkin (2010)
Eason Barnhill, John Newton, Paul Beamon, Eugene Dixon (2011)

Sunday School Board

Kitty Barnes, Brenda Best, Terry Ellis *2009*
Bruce Jones, Heath Conner, Nancy Cale (2010)
Mike Williams, Roger Hill, Wayne Hicks (2011)

Commission on Youth Ministry and Student Ministry Leadership

Ricky Warren (2009), Cathy Cahoon (2010), David Currie (2011), Angela Mattox
(2012), John Hill (2013) *Todd Sutton 2014*

Commission on Education For Christian Ministry

Michael Pelt (2010), Rudy Owens (2011), Deborah King (2012), Pam Braxton (2013),
Michael Bryan (2014), Josh Whitfield (2015), Tommy Benson (2016)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Committee joint meeting with MOC Board of Trustees

April 1, 2008

Mount Olive College

Present:

MOC Trustees; Darrell Horne, De Eakes, Buddy Pittman, Stan Harrell, Eugene Sumner, Howard Scott, and Kim Quinn.

MOC Staff: Jean Ackiss, Dr. Bill Byrd, and Dr. P. J. Arant.

Convention Executive Committee: Dale Belvin, Harold Swinson, Tim Heath, Al Markuson, Kevin Jackson, Ray Wells, Sam Weeks, Lyn Renfrow, and Al Warrick.

Convention Staff: Buddy Sasser.

- Darrell Horne welcomed everyone and all introduced themselves.
- Dr. Byrd introduced Dr. Arant.
- Chairman Horne asked Dr. Arant to give remarks.
- Chairman Horne conducted business concerning Trustees Exec. Committee.
- President Lyn Renfrow presented a devotion.
 - Renfrow addressed the MOC committee regarding personal concerns about MOC and their denominational relationship.
 - Among his questions:
 - Is the college pulling away or outgrowing the OFWB?
 - He gave questions to Dr. Byrd and Chairman Darrell Horne to address.
- Dr. Byrd made remarks addressing the questions and pledged the following:
 1. More information and insignia relating to the Original Free Will Baptists will be placed around the college; Christian flag will be hung in Murphy Center. The college is willing to help financially at the request of the convention.
 2. He emphasized that the College always tells the history of the college and its founding by the OFWB church. He gave out a brochure called the College Covenant. The Covenant addresses values of OFWB and is given to students, prospective employees, etc.
 3. In response to questions on hiring he indicated that priority is to get best person to hire in any position. FWB are considered but must meet all of the criterion. In the hiring of the provost, twelve people were on the search committee, four of whom were Trustees, all of whom were OFWB.

Regarding a request to add someone to act as a liaison between the college and the churches, he stated that they were already trying to do that. MOC will hire a person for church support. Dr. Byrd is cognizant of need to stay in a good relationship with the denomination and stated that God has blessed the college to be successful.
 4. Explained the role of the provost as Chief Operating Officer and Chancellor's Position.

Following discussion, Brother Ray Wells closed in prayer.

Submitted by Al Warrick, Convention Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting

May 6, 2008

Mount Olive College

In attendance: President Charles Renfrow, Vice-President Harold Swinson, Treasurer Kevin Jackson, Secretary Al Warrick, Dale Belvin, Sam Weeks, Tim Heath, and Director Buddy Sasser.

The Meeting was called to order by President Charles Renfrow.

Rev. Harold Swinson gave devotions.

Minutes of the March 20, 2008 and April 1, 2008 were attached to the agenda. They were approved.

Kevin Jackson presented the budget for the 2009 Convention and a recommendation that OFWB ministries be asked to support the convention office.

Director Buddy Sasser gave the following reports from the office of Convention Services:

1. Update on Life on Loan Series
2. Convention Update - Banquet, Speakers, Music, Workshops, etc.
3. Conference Donations for Pastor's Banquet
4. Task Force on Church-College Relations
5. Travel Report

Next Meeting Date: June 10, 2008

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

Executive Committee Meeting

June 17, 2008

Headquarters, Ayden, North Carolina

Present: Charles L. Renfrow, President; Harold Swinson, Vice-President; Al Warrick, Secretary; Al Markuson; Sam Weeks; Leon Grubbs; Tim Heath; Ray Wells
Also Present: Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services and Andrea Cox, Administrative Assistant

President Renfrow called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Ray Wells presented the devotion from Psalm 73, the last four verses, and offered prayer.

The minutes of the May 6, 2008 meeting and the minutes of the 2008 Annual Convention were presented.

•*Motion to accept the minutes of the 2008 Annual Convention as corrected.* MSP

•*Motion to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2008 meeting as presented.* MSP

A list of names of persons who could possibly serve on the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry was discussed. Ray Wells is to contact these individuals and report back with the names of seven who will serve on this Commission.

Andrea Cox presented the report of the Finance Committee for information.

The Constitution and Bylaws was presented and discussed. Leon Grubbs will make revisions and present a corrected copy at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held September 9 at the Headquarters, if needed.

•*Motion for the Executive Committee to give a vote of thanks to President Renfrow for his leadership during the 2008 Annual Convention, and also to Buddy and Andrea for their work at the Convention.* MSP

We were adjourned with prayer by our president.

Executive Committee Meeting

September 9, 2008

Headquarters, Ayden, North Carolina

Present: Charles L. Renfrow, President; Harold Swinson, Vice-President; Al Warrick, Secretary; Kevin Jackson, Treasurer; Al Markuson; Sam Weeks; Tim Heath; Ray Wells
Also Present: Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services and Andrea Cox, Administrative Assistant

President Renfrow called the meeting to order and Harold Swinson led in prayer.

Harold Swinson presented the devotion from Ephesians 4:25-32. Tim Heath offered prayer.

•*The minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.*

Andrea Cox presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Director of Convention Services presented a report:

•*Motion to formulate a crisis team for churches and pastors in transition.* MSP

Ray Wells has received confirmation from the following individuals that they will serve on the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry:

Michael Pelt, Deborah King, Michael Bryan, Tommy Benson, Rudy Owens, and Pam Braxton.

He is waiting for confirmation from one other individual.

The next meeting will be held December 9 at the Headquarters at 9:00 am.

We were adjourned with prayer by Sam Weeks.

**Executive Committee Meeting
December 9, 2008
Headquarters, Ayden, North Carolina**

Present: Charles L. Renfrow, President; Harold Swinson, Vice-President; Al Warrick, Secretary; Kevin Jackson, Treasurer; Sam Weeks; Leon Grubbs; Tim Heath; Dale Belvin; Ray Wells

Also Present: Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services and Andrea Cox, Administrative Assistant

President Renfrow welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Buddy Sasser presented a devotion from Luke 10 on compassion and led in prayer.

•The minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Kevin Jackson presented the Treasurer's Report.

•Motion to receive the financial reports as presented. MSP

The Director of Convention Services presented his report:

•Motion to change the 2009 Annual Convention Golf Tournament from the month of October to the month of May. MSP

Discussion was held concerning the implementation of a Crisis/Transition Team.

Josh Whitfield has been confirmed as the final member of the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry.

Discussion was held concerning the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry.

•Motion to approve Dr. Kenneth E. Benton to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Belinda Barnhill on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home Board. MSP

John Hill met with the Committee to present an update on the Woman's Auxiliary Taskforce on Youth Ministry.

Discussion was held concerning the 2009 Annual Convention.

•Motion to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committee for the 2009 Convention:

Nominating Committee: Jeff Daughtry, chair; Terry Ellis; Phillip Boykin; Dean Cartrette; and Ms. Becky Jo Sumner

Resolutions Committee: Bobby Taylor, chair; Frankie Baggett; Richard Glosson; Ronnie Parker; and Roger Hill

Sam Weeks requested to be replaced as the chairman of the Memorial Committee. Harold Swinson agreed to serve in this capacity.

The following guest speakers were approved for the 2009 Convention:

IMPACT Banquet	Al Warrick
Tuesday Worship	Bobby Carden
Wednesday Worship	Tim Heath
Thursday Worship	Calvin Heath
Alternate	Josh Whitfield

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for February 17, 2009 at the Headquarters at 9:00 am.

We were adjourned with prayer by President Renfrow.

Executive Committee Meeting

February 17, 2009

Headquarters, Ayden, North Carolina

Present: Charles L. Renfrow, President; Harold Swinson, Vice-President; Kevin Jackson, Treasurer; Al Markuson; Sam Weeks; Tim Heath; Dale Belvin; Ray Wells

Also Present: Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services and Andrea Cox, Administrative Assistant

President Renfrow welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Sam Weeks presented a devotion from Psalm 118:8 on putting our trust in God, not on man, and led in prayer.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held April 14, 2009 at 9:30 at the Headquarters.

•The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Andrea Cox presented the December Balance Sheet.

Kevin Jackson presented the proposed 2010 Convention budget.

•Motion to adopt the 2010 budget as presented. MSP

•Motion to grant the request of the OFWB Sunday School Ministry to allow the Reverend Mike Williams to fill the unexpired term of the Reverend Paul Grubbs on their board. MSP

•Motion to contact the Reverend Frank Grubbs concerning replacing the Reverend Richard Glosson, who is unable to serve as a representative of the Western Conference on the Resolutions Committee for the 2009 Convention. In the event that Frank is unable to assist, the Reverend Billy Toler will be asked to serve. If neither of these is available the Committee will be instructed to proceed with four members. MSP

President Renfrow reported that the Commission on Education for Christian Ministries has met and will provide a report to the 2009 Annual Convention.

The Director of Convention Services presented his report:

–The Convention has partnered with the Harvest Connection Disaster Relief Ministry for the 2009 Convention Golf Tournament.

–The program for the 2009 Annual Convention was presented

•Motion to adopt the program as presented with changes made as needed. MSP

The Reverend Donald Fader, Director and the Reverend Sherman Dilley, Chairman of the FWB Minister's Program presented a draft of The Free Will Baptist Pastor Church Guide, a manual to explain the working relationship between the church and pastor.

•Motion to approve publication of the draft of The Free Will Baptist Pastor Church Guide as presented. MSP

Crisis/Transition Team update: The Reverends John Hill and Preston Smith met with the Committee to present a proposal concerning a congregational health partnership between Carenet, Inc. and the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

•Motion to change the date of the next Executive Committee Meeting to April 28, 2009, to facilitate a meeting between the Committee and representatives of Carenet, Inc. MSP

Dr. Burkette Raper, President of the N.C. Foundation For Christian Ministries, met with the Committee to present two recommendations.

•Motion to approve the following recommendation from the Foundation:

That the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist endorse and recommend the Endowment goal of the North Carolina Foundation For Christian Ministries in the amount of \$7 million dollars by the 100th Anniversary of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, May 2013.

MSP

•Motion to table recommendation # 2 from the Foundation until the April 28, 2009, meeting of the Executive Committee. MSP

•Motion for Buddy Sasser to purchase a laptop computer and portable projection screen to aid in Convention presentations at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. MSP

We were adjourned with prayer by Al Markuson.

Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
Budget/Actual for 2008

INCOME

<u>Convention Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Air Force Chaplain Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 459.62
Church Contributions	60,000.00	64,733.76
Convention Registration Fees	13,500.00	19,565.00
Convention Worship Offerings	2,000.00	2,050.95
Church Dues	0.00	5,215.00
Individual Contributions	1,000.00	3,125.00
Interest	800.00	743.03
Miscellaneous	1,400.00	2,213.00
Other Contributions	2,500.00	4,659.52
Promotional	12,500.00	17,197.00
Support from Savings	15,950.00	0.00
Comm-Ed. for Christian Ministry		300.00
Wall of Honor	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$111,150.00	\$120,261.88

Endowment Interest Income

Hansley Endowment	30.00	66.67
Heritage Club Endowment	0.00	0.00
Leadership Endowment	125.00	131.48
Wall of Honor Endowment	<u>345.00</u>	<u>456.11</u>
Total	\$500.00	\$654.26

Reimbursement Income

Copier Use Reimbursement	5,000.00	3,136.41
Headquarters Rent Reimbursement	14,200.00	14,088.00
Headquarters Service Fee Reimbursement	5,000.00	3,600.00
Headquarters Telephone Reimbursement		428.48
Other Reimbursement	1,500.00	2,127.44
Program and Report Book Reimbursement		6,650.00
Health Insurance Reimbursement	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,676.00</u>
Total	\$30,700.00	\$35,706.33

Endowment Income

Hansley Endowment.	200.00	0.00
Wall of Honor Endowment	1,000.00	0.00
Leadership Endowment	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$4,200.00	\$0.00

Total Income	\$146,550.00	\$156,622.47
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EXPENSES

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Convention Expenses</u>		
Convention Costs	\$2,500.00	\$2,488.37
Executive Committee Expense	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>794.18</u>
Total	\$5,000.00	\$3,282.55
<u>Endowment Expenses</u>		
Hansley Endowment	0.00	0.00
Heritage Club Endowment	0.00	0.00
Leadership Endowment	300.00	0.00
Wall of Honor Endowment	<u>100.00</u>	<u>12.35</u>
Total	\$400.00	\$12.35
<u>General Operations Expenses</u>		
Accounting Costs	500.00	139.99
Benevolence	200.00	0.00
Copier Expense		5,270.24
General Maintenance & Supplies	600.00	383.00
Headquarters Telephone & Fax	800.00	4,168.51
Headquarters Utilities	1,000.00	1,157.53
Insurance	2,000.00	1,724.00
Interest and Fees	200.00	5.00
Internet and Web Site	1,000.00	553.00
Subscriptions	150.00	99.55
Office printing and supplies	2,500.00	1,905.32
Other	500.00	1,503.97
Postage	1,000.00	939.93
Sales Tax	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,342.11</u>
Total	\$11,450.00	\$19,192.15
<u>Marketing Expenses</u>		
Denominational Directory	2,000.00	338.58
Golf Tournament	2,500.00	3,284.59
IMPACT Dinner	3,000.00	4,511.05
Promotional	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>3,028.55</u>
Total	\$9,000.00	\$11,162.77
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Fraternal Relations	500.00	0.00
National Armed Forces	800.00	839.50
Other Expense	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>825.56</u>
Total	\$2,300.00	\$1,665.06

Personnel Salaries & Allowances Expenses

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
• Employee Benefits	\$15,300.00	\$14,744.04
Payroll Tax Expense	1,500.00	1,315.85
Salaries	60,200.00	59,756.80
Travel Expense	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>9,541.72</u>
Total	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 85,358.41

Reimbursement Expenses

Copier Expense	5,000.00	0.00
Headquarters Rent	14,200.00	14,877.00
Headquarters Service	5,000.00	0.00
Other Reimbursements	1,500.00	895.93
Program & Report Book	5,000.00	3,425.00
Health Insurance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,684.40</u>
Total	\$ 30,700.00	\$24,882.33

Total Expenses	\$142,350.00	\$145,555.62
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**Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
General Budget for 2009 and 2010**

INCOME

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
<u>Convention Income</u>		
Air Force Chaplain Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Church Contributions	65,000.00	65,000.00
Convention Registration Fees	14,000.00	20,000.00
Convention Worship Offerings	2,500.00	2,500.00
Church Dues	8,400.00	6,600.00
Individual Contributions	1,000.00	3,200.00
Interest	1,000.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
Other Contributions	2,500.00	5,000.00
Promotional	12,500.00	17,325.00
Support from Savings (If needed)	9,130.00	0.00
Wall of Honor	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$117,030.00	\$121,675.00
 <u>Endowment Interest Income</u>		
Hansley Endowment	20.00	50.00
Heritage Club Endowment	800.00	0.00
Leadership Endowment	150.00	150.00
Wall of Honor Endowment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
Total	\$970.00	\$650.00
 <u>Reimbursement Income</u>		
Copier	3,500.00	3,500.00
Headquarters Rent	14,200.00	15,000.00
Headquarters Service	5,000.00	5,000.00
Telephone	0.00	500.00
Health Insurance	0.00	6,500.00
Other	2,500.00	2,500.00
Program and Report Book	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total	\$32,200.00	\$40,000.00
 <u>Endowment Income</u>		
Hansley Endowment	0.00	0.00
Wall of Honor Endowment	0.00	250.00
Leadership Endowment	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$0.00	\$250.00
 Over All Totals	\$150,200.00	\$162,575.00

EXPENSES

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2010 Budget</u>
<u>Convention Expenses</u>		
Convention Costs	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Executive Committee Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
 <u>Endowment Expenses</u>		
Hansley Endowment	0.00	0.00
Heritage Club Endowment	0.00	0.00
Leadership Endowment	150.00	0.00
Wall of Honor Endowment	<u>100.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$250.00	\$25.00
 <u>General Operations Expenses</u>		
Accounting Costs	500.00	500.00
Benevolence	100.00	100.00
Copier Expense	3,800.00	5,500.00
General Maintenance & Supplies	0.00	600.00
Headquarters Telephone & Fax	4,800.00	4,500.00
Headquarters Rent (Convention)	800.00	800.00
Headquarters Utilities	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest and Fees	100.00	100.00
Internet and Web Site	1,000.00	1,000.00
Subscriptions	150.00	150.00
Office printing and supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
Other	500.00	500.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sales Tax	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$16,950.00	\$22,450.00
 <u>Marketing Expenses</u>		
Denominational Directory	1,000.00	2,000.00
Golf Tournament	2,500.00	3,000.00
IMPACT Dinner	3,000.00	3,000.00
Promotional	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00	\$11,500.00
 <u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Fraternal Relations	500.00	500.00
Church-College Relations	0.00	500.00
National Armed Forces	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Expense	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00

Personnel Salaries & Allowances Expenses

Employee Benefits	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 19,000.00
Payroll Tax Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salaries	62,000.00	65,000.00
Travel Expense	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$89,000.00	\$95,500.00

Reimbursement Expenses

Headquarters Rent	\$14,500.00	\$15,000.00
Headquarters Service	5,000.00	6,500.00
Other	1,500.00	1,500.00
Program and Report Book	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>
Total	\$24,500.00	\$26,600.00

Complete Total	\$150,200.00	\$162,575.00
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**Convention of O.F.W.B.
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2008**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking Account	\$ 9,874.90
Money Market Account	45,334.02
Leadership Endowment	5,975.97
Wall of Honor Funds w/ CF	15,490.01
Hansley Endowment CD	1,681.75
Accounts Receivable	<u>799.13</u>

Total Current Assets		79,155.78
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Property and Equipment

Office Equipment	11,904.28
Furniture and Fixtures	11,579.15
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,001.19</u>

Total Property and Equipment		25,484.62
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Other Assets

Total Other Assets		<u>0.00</u>
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Total Assets		<u>\$104,640.40</u>
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LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

State Tax Liability	<u>\$ 0.46</u>
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Total Current Liabilities		0.46
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Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>
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Total Liabilities		0.46
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Capital

Beginning Balance Equity	32,695.23	
Retained Earnings	85,641.51	
Net Income	<u>(13,696.80)</u>	
Total Capital		<u>104,639.94</u>

Total Liabilities & Capital		<u>\$104,640.40</u>
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Financial reports were prepared by management. An annual compilation will be prepared by Connie H Huffman, CPA

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



Annual Report To the 97th Session of the CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS May 19-21, 2009

Working for God Effectively—Serving God With Earnestness

Hebrews 2:1 - Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Mission Statement

Children and families are our most valued resource. Our home is dedicated to the ministry of returning children to a family by providing for children's physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs. This is accomplished in a nurturing environment with compassionate care. Since 1920, the Free Will Baptist Children's Home has ministered to children and families.

Our Children

This week your child care ministry begins its 89th year serving children and families.

God never intended for his children to be the victims of abandonment, abuse, and neglect. He wants the best for His children; therefore, we must protect, love, support, nurture, and teach His children, that they might achieve their full potential.

We have seen many changes in our society. We have seen many changes in the way we serve children and families, but we are sure of one thing, His call to serve His children is still relevant. Our ministry today is more crucial, more vital, and more needed than ever before. If you believe every child deserves a decent chance in life, then you believe in everything we stand for.

Thank You

Thank you for each prayer you have prayed; through your prayers you continue to serve with us; and, may God bless you for what you do for His children. You are reaching out to His children and providing food, clothing, shelter, medical services, education, and the opportunity for spiritual growth.

Highlights

- Served 99 children and their families
- Served children from 16 counties in eastern North Carolina
- One resident completed high school
- One resident completed GED
- We had two children attending college
- Hosted numerous events on campus
- We provided an internship for two graduate students and one undergraduate student
- Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Resources
- Received a new license for our Family and Therapeutic foster care program
- The Duke Endowment approved our request for a grant to fund our new programs.

Goals

Please be much in prayer for us as we strive to accomplish the goals listed below. Reaching these goals will allow us to continue to provide quality care and continue to serve God through child care ministry.

- To offer the best possible care for the children and families we serve;
- To offer religious training to help children strengthen their relationship with Christ;
- To evaluate our services and implement new programs as needed
- To organize and promote activities and events that directly benefit our children;
- To recruit and train qualified foster parents
- To renovate Heritage Hall
- To plan, organize and celebrate our Founder's Day (90th anniversary) in May, 2010.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are submitted to the Convention:

1. This 2009 report to the Convention be adopted.
2. The Convention continue to designate May and November as Children's Home Months, and recommend our churches observe Children's Home Days on November 1, 2009, and May 2, 2010.
3. The Convention and representing churches continue to pray for our Children's Home ministry.

This report and these recommendations are respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors.

James W. Cahoon
Chairman, Board of Directors

Gary W. Lee
President/CEO

Board of Directors	Conference	Term Expires
James W. Cahoon, <i>Chairman</i>	Albemarle	2012
Johnny Sullivan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Central	2011
Franklin Vester, <i>Secretary</i>	Western	2009
Ila Penny, <i>Asst. Secretary</i>	Pee Dee	2009
Sherman Dilley	Eastern	2010
Kenneth Benton	Cape Fear	2010
Sherry Askew	Central	2012
Donna Holland	Western	2009
Judy Aycock	Alumna	2010
Thomas Parrish	Piedmont	2011
Wanda Crocker	Cape Fear	2011
Doug Skinner	Central	2012
Rebecca Davenport	Emeritus	

Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Inc.

P.O. Box 249

Middlesex, North Carolina 27557

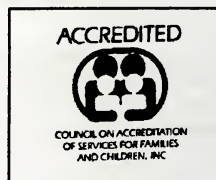
(252) 235-2161 / Fax (252) 235-2625

Email- glee@fwbch.org



"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"... serving children and families since 1920.

www.fwbchildrenshome.org



Financial Statement

Management prepared this financial report from the actual audit. A copy of the Annual Audit conducted by Williams, Overman, Pierce & Company, Certified Public Accountants, 5400 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC, 27622, has been forwarded to the Convention's headquarters office.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year 2007-08

Statement Date: June 30

Support and Revenues:

Denominational support	\$ 400,252
Individuals	462,609
Endowments/Grants	25,000
State funds	422,869
Title IV-E	166,431
Departments of Social Services	138,983
Medicaid	19,500
Tri-County support	142,696
Donated commodities	11,684
Rental income	27,245
Other	45,047
Investment earnings	<u>(198,919)</u>
Total support and revenues	1,663,595

Expenses:

Administration	168,804
Development	85,600
Program services:	
Children's services	1,339,484
Social services	<u>99,511</u>
Total expenses	\$ 1,693,399

Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ (29,804)</u>
Total	\$ 1,663,595

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION: JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS

Assets:

Cash	\$ 166,242
Accounts receivable	121,683
Accrued interest receivable	2,509
Investments	2,706,140
Prepaid expenses	24,817
Inventories	26,818
Land, buildings, and equipment	1,508,329
Cash surrender value of life insurance	<u>10,325</u>

Total assets **\$ 4,566,863**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 38,903
Accrued wages	<u>41,264</u>

Total liabilities **\$ 80,167**

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$ 159,572
Unrestricted – designated	3,786,641
Temporarily restricted	333,429
Permanently restricted	<u>207,054</u>

Total net assets **4,486,696**

Total liabilities and net assets **\$ 4,566,863**

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.
BUDGET
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Revenue:

Denominational support	\$ 400,000
Endowment/Grants	175,000
Medicaid	20,000
Individuals	150,000
Interest	5,000
Tri-County Program	146,900
DSS Residential Care	1,192,224
DSS Family FosterCare	51,568
DSS/Other	3,000
Rental Income	20,500
Businesses	20,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Total Revenue	<u>2,189,192</u>

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 137,053
Development	83,674
Children's services	235,324
Social Services	176,698
Emergency shelters	413,616
Independent Living Skills Program	410,760
Real World Preparation Programs	209,552
Plant	179,824
Foster Care	214,691
Capital Assets	<u>128,000</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,189,192</u>

Church Finance Association, Inc.

Annual Report for Year Ending December 31, 2008

The Board of Directors and the Membership of the Church Finance Association bring greetings to this Session of The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. This past year has been a successful one for the Association and we would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve our denomination. As of December 31, 2008 we have over two million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in loans outstanding to the churches and ministries of our denomination. These are loans that have been used to build sanctuaries, family life centers, and other projects needed by the local church. It is your prayers and investments that make this possible.

The Year 2008

• Memberships	4,058
• Deposits	\$1,058,174
• Loans to churches	\$2,116,845

Mission Statement

For

Church Finance Association

It is the mission of the Church Finance Association, Inc. to meet the borrowing needs of the member churches and ministries of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. These needs include funds for capital expansion, repair, remodeling, and reorganization. These loans are made in a manner consistent with sound business practices recognizing that we must provide all due consideration in an effort to assist the Convention. Church Finance serves as a conduit between those institutions and individuals who are willing to place funds with the Association and those institutions which are in need of these resources.

Is Your Church Willing to Help Other Churches?

Many of our churches have special use funds for building, contingencies, remodeling, or some type of emergency. The CFA urges our churches to take advantage of the **FUNDS ACCOUNT** which pays interest at the rate of (2.75%) and funds are available for withdrawal within 90 days. If you have funds in CDs or bank savings accounts please consider making those available to your sister churches by placing them with the Church Finance Association.

The Year in Review

Over the last year we have seen interest rates begin to rise but the forecast for 2008 calls for rates to moderate. Church Finance is lending at rates lower than the prime interest rate.

This can be a windfall for churches that are looking to build new sanctuaries and expand their present facilities. Rates are still very attractive and if a church has building plans for the future now is a good time to move forward. Church Finance has positioned itself to meet present and future demands for funding from our churches. If your church has a need to borrow we would be most happy to speak with you and provide any assistance possible.

Will You Be A Part?

Regardless of whether you are an individual, auxiliary, or church you can be a part of this ministry. We need:

- Your **prayers**. Please remember the work of the Association in your prayers. Our goal continues to be helping each of our churches and ministries with their financial needs.
- Your **deposits**. We accept deposits from individuals, auxiliaries and churches. Please consider placing funds with us. Our rates are as of 01/01/2009 are:

~ Endowments	2.75%
~ Fund Account \$1,000 Min	2.75%
~ Other deposits	1.00%

* Your **loans**. If your church is engaged in a building project, remodeling job, the purchase of land, or a remodeling project, the Church Finance Association will work with you to develop a loan program that best suits your needs and budget. In addition we have loans with rates fixed for up to five years. We offer loans for up to 25 years.

* Purchase **Memberships**. They are available at a cost of \$25.00 each. Memberships are available to all organizations and individuals within the denomination.

If you need additional information, please write the Convention Office in Ayden.

Church Finance Association Box 39 Ayden, NC 28513

Or call Donald Fader at 252-523-5800

The Board of Directors of The Church Finance Association are:

Walter Reynolds
Dan Taylor
Eugene Burkett
Joseph W. Rollins
Michael Whitfield

President
Vice President
Secretary

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

2008 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$	1,843,301
Mortgage Loans Receivable		2,116,845
Accrued Interest		11,775
Property and Equipment		3,188

TOTAL ASSETS

\$3,975,109

LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits	\$1,058,174
Members Equity	2,403,458
Accruals	1,166
Promissory Notes	425,610
Memberships	101,474
Prior Year Correction	(14,773)

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$3,975,109

INCOME AND EXPENSES

	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Income:			
Interest on loans	180,000	158,512	175,000
Interest on Investments	20,000	28,035	25,000
Loan Fees, Construction int.	5,000	2,023	3,000
Contributions		3,203	
Total Income	205,000	191,774	203,000
Expenses:			
Interest Expense	65,000	50,529	60,000
Benefits		14,718	
Salaries and taxes	41,100	43,171	42,500
Retirement	6,000	6,000	6,400
Board, Director Expense	12,000	9,943	12,000
Office Expense	11,000	6,686	11,000
Total Expenses	135,100	131,471	131,900
Retained Earnings	69,900	60,302	71,100

(NOTES)

1) This financial report was prepared by management and a copy of the compilation and review has been provided to the Executive Committee. Taylor and Jones, CPAs, PA of Farmville, NC prepared the compilation and review.

2) Related Party Disclosure: Donald Fader serves as the Executive Director of the Free Will Baptist Minister's Program which has deposits with the Association as of December 31, 2008.



Cragmont Assembly Inc.

Inspiration, Instruction, Recreation

Mission Statement: "To operate, maintain and expand a conference center and place of retreat for all Original Free Will Baptists and seekers after Christ, who will come to Cragmont to experience Inspiration, receive Instruction and participate in Recreation directed towards spiritual growth."

Attendance record for 2008 Conferences

Morning Star = 105	Minister's Conference = 64	Day Spring Conf. = 19
Cragmont Youth Conf. = 135	Christian Cadet Conf. = 177	Youth Frontier YFA/AFC = 134
General Youth I = 180	General Youth II = 207	Young People's Bible = 131
Cornerstone Conf. = 66	Pee Dee Youth Conf. = 102	New Professions = 36

2009 Summer Schedule

Morning Star

April 17 – 19, 2009
Joan Little
7063 Stantonburg Road
Farmville, NC 27828
252-753-3217

Ministerial Association of OFWB

June 8 – 10, 2009
John Hill
3445 NC 111 Hwy.
Goldsboro, NC 27534
252-230-1845

Day Spring Conference

June 10 – 13, 2009
Joan Little
7063 Stantonburg Road
Farmville, NC 27828
252-753-3217

Cragmont Youth Conference

June 14 - 18, 2009
Angela Mattox
4711 Edgewood Dr.
New Bern, NC 28562
252-637-5918

Christian Cadet Conference

June 22 – 27, 2009
Joey Williams
139 Windyfield Dr.
Goldsboro, NC 27534
919-734-9080

Bed, Breakfast & Blessing

June 29 – July 4, 2009
Cragmont Assembly
1233 North Fork Road
Black Mountain, NC 28711
877-669-7677

Youth Frontier Conference (YFA/AFC)

July 6 - 11, 2009
Frankie Baggett
5403 Weyerhaeuser Road
Ayden, NC 28513
252-746-7850

General Youth II Conference

July 13 - 18, 2009
Brad Williamson- Director
Wilma Parker – registrar
PO Box 6423
Kinston, NC 28501
252-522-0967

General Youth I Conference

July 20 – 25, 2009
Bryant Hines
7946 Bear Grass Road
Robersonville, NC 27871
252-792-5745

Young People's Bible Conference

July 27 – 31, 2009
Chuck Owens
1071 Gurley Dairy Road
Pikeville, NC 27863
919-734-3320

Cornerstone Women's Conference

August 2 – 7, 2009
Joan Little
7063 Stantonburg Road
Farmville, NC 27828
252-753-3217

Pee Dee Youth Conference

August 10 - 13, 2009
Bryant Hines
7946 Bear Grass Road
Robersonville, NC 27871
252-792-5745

September Women's Mini Conference

September 18 – 20, 2009
Joan Little • 252-753-3217
7063 Stantonburg Road
Farmville, NC 27828

<i>Cragmont Assembly, Inc.</i>	<i>2008 Budget</i>	<i>2008 Actual</i>	<i>2009 Budget</i>
<i>Income</i>			
General Fund	\$184,000.00	\$186,689.95	\$163,100.00
Cragmont Club	40,000.00	34,125.50	40,000.00
Conferences	142,850.00	132,708.00	142,000.00
Retreats	200,000.00	153,958.00	200,000.00
Memorial/Honor Fund	5,000.00	5,171.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	36,549.06	5,000.00
Interest		23.80	
Store Sales		2,450.00	
Total Revenues	\$576,850.00	\$551,675.31	\$555,100.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
Capital Expense		\$20,950.78	\$10,000.00
Bank Service charges	1,500.00	1,143.63	1,500.00
Board Expenses	500.00		500.00
Consumables	13,000.00	11,151.90	12,000.00
Food	75,000.00	63,247.41	70,000.00
Camp Insurance	37,000.00	31,211.67	37,000.00
Health/Disability Insurance	43,300.00	40,689.68	43,300.00
Licenses and Permits	500.00	280.00	500.00
Linens	1,750.00	707.19	1,000.00
Maintenance/Repairs	50,000.00	36,967.57	40,000.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00	14,968.12	10,000.00
Office Equipment Lease	7,000.00	6,862.40	5,000.00
Office Supplies	20,000.00	19,606.24	20,000.00
Payroll Expenses	218,100.00	198,705.24	206,300.00
Postage and Delivery	1,000.00	55.18	1,000.00
Professional Fees	1,500.00	1,678.20	2,000.00
Promotions	5,000.00	2,904.86	3,000.00
Refunds	1,000.00	332.00	1,000.00
Rentals	10,000.00	5,871.14	10,000.00
Store Sales Tax		212.08	
Tickets		3,183.00	
Travel Expenses	11,500.00	5,930.70	11,500.00
Cable	1,700.00	2,953.56	3,000.00
Electric	40,000.00	32,887.34	40,000.00
Propane	14,000.00	13,870.14	14,000.00
Telephone	5,000.00	4,990.74	5,000.00
Water	8,500.00	7,677.57	7,500.00
Total Expenses	\$576,850.00	\$529,038.34	\$555,100.00

This Financial report was prepared by John Williams, Manager/Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. A copy of the Annual Compilation prepared by Cheryl Garvy of Swannanoa, NC will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist.



2009 CONVENTION REPORT

Greetings from **OFWB INTERNATIONAL, INC. (Foreign Missions)** to the Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The goal of the Board of Foreign Missions is to help fulfill the “**chief business**” of our denomination as state in our covenant. “We esteem it our chief business to make Christ known to the world.” Nothing is more important or more serious than this. We fully realize this and our faithful workers around the world are aware of this. Many of them put their lives on the line each day to make Christ known to the lost in their nation. This report contains a brief summary of our activities for 2008.

NEPAL: This work was expanded to the capitol city of Kathmandu. There is one congregation and one school that ministers to children in this area. They come from poor, landless farmers who are barely able to support their families. This school, like the others we have around the world, gives us an opportunity to teach the children about Christ and also reach out to their families. The church in Kathmandu is growing under the leadership of Pastor Supsing Lamb. Please pray for this nation. It is poor physically and spiritually; their only hope is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

INDIA: This has been a year of mixed blessings. We have seen growth in the churches and schools. We have also seen an increase in persecution. Five of our pastors were severely beaten by a militant Hindu mob. They beat the pastors, tore up their Bibles, and stole their bicycles. We are thankful that they were not killed. Their physical wounds have healed. We have replaced their Bibles and bicycles. They are daily facing danger as they continue sharing Christ, our “chief business” in India. The school and Children’s Home at Gujarat has expanded. A new building has been constructed for the children. New beds have been purchased for the children and they no longer have to sleep on the floor. The Leprosy Colony at Chakardharpur has been greatly blessed because of your generosity. We have a feeding program, and provided medicine for these unfortunate ones. They have received the truth of the Gospel. Most of them have trusted Christ as their Savior. We praise the Lord for these precious souls.

BANGLADESH: Bangladesh is a country where open evangelism is prohibited. Creative ways must be used to be able to present the Gospel. In addition to the Reading Room, schools, computer training, and sewing projects, this year Mr. Gupta stated a college hostel for the poor rural students. This is a way to reach the college age and develop Christian leadership. Two men have been appointed as evangelist, Manik Das and Mojibur. They work among Hindus and Muslims. They conduct seminars and invite people to attend. This gives them the opportunity to talk about the Gospel. Mr. Gupta has also published magazines and other types of literature to share about the Free Will Baptists work in Bangladesh.

BULGARIA: The church in Varna has greatly expanded its ministry over the past year. The bus has enabled them to reach people across the city. The building is used every day of the week for youth and adult activities. The people are extremely thankful for the growth of this church. The desire of this field is for a building in Balchik to serve the needs of the Gypsy people there. This is a very expensive project and needs your prayers and support. Willem and Lydia van der Plas still have health issues, but their heart and life is in the work. Keep them in your prayers.

MEXICO: The Short-Term Teams to Mexico in 2008 constructed three houses for needy families. The families who receive these houses are selected by the churches in Mexico. This eliminates jealousy and everyone rejoices with them. The houses were constructed in Acuña, Monclova, and Piedres Negras. Several hundred children received instruction through Vacation Bible School and a good number of women were taught God's Word through Bible studies. Camp Morelos was a special blessing. The Mexican people look forward to this week of family oriented activities each year.

PHILIPPINES: The work in the Philippines continues to expand. The "house churches" in Manila are growing. A new kindergarten building was constructed on the campus of Palawan Bible College in Puerto Princesa City that will enable us to reach more children with the Gospel. The work in Palawan has been going through a three year restructuring process, that when completed will increase the number of self-supporting churches and make funds available to expand to other areas. The growth of the work in Cebu/Visayas District has been gratifying. One of our churches in Iligan City grew to a membership of 300 adults in just 5 months, by using the "cell-group" method of growth. This method was developed in Korea. The Children's Home in Cebu City continues to provide quality child care for our children.

LIBERIA: In March of 2008, we began support of the work in Liberia. This is a joint effort with the Original Free Will Baptists of America, headed by Bishop L. N. Forbes. The president of the work in Liberia is Rev. Darlington Gnininte. He is fine young man with great abilities. He has a desire to reach Liberia with the Gospel. The work has been incorporated under the name "The Original Free Will Baptist Church of Liberia."

GUINEA: Bro. Gnininte has also opened Free Will Baptist work in the country of Guinea. This country borders Liberia. It is a predominately Muslim country. We have one worker there. Please pray for him.

FINANCES: 2008 was a year of great financial concern. As the economy cooled, so did contributions. Things looked rather bleak in September. A letter was sent through the COMMAND concerning our need. The response was tremendous and provided funds to continue the work and finish the year in the black. From the Board of Foreign Missions and all of our workers, we say "**thank you**" from the bottom of our hearts. We look to the future with excitement and expectation. We believe the Lord is going to enable every field to expand and reach more souls for Christ in 2009. This is our "chief business" and our chief goal. Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

The **COMMAND** and **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST** are published to keep our membership informed about the activities of our ministries. These are your best sources for information about the things that are taking place in India, Nepal, Bangladesh,

Bulgaria, Mexico, Liberia, and the Philippines. I encourage you to subscribe to these publications today.

The **BUILD ONE FOR THEM** program has been a tremendous blessing to all of our fields. We have been able to construct church buildings, parsonages, and houses for the needy. We need churches to consider the needs of others and join us in this effort. There are always needs, and we encourage you to sponsor one of these building projects.

IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER: The Board of Foreign Missions realizes that our strength and supply comes from a loving Heavenly Father. We set aside several days throughout the year as days of prayer. We meet together to worship, praise, and take our petitions before the Lord. We pray for revival, for we know for our church to survive and grow we must have revival. We encourage you to pray for this ministry daily and to pray for revival in our Church.

SHORT-TERM TEAM MINISTRY has been a great blessing to all who have been on a team and to our fields. If you are interested in joining a team in the future, contact our office.

EXTEND AN INVITATION: To be better informed about the Foreign Missions Program, please give me an opportunity to visit your church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. Pray daily for genuine spiritual revival in our churches.
2. Increase your contributions to Foreign Missions.
3. Participate in the Annual Telethon.
4. Remember Foreign Missions in your will.

PRAYER REQUESTS: PRAY DAILY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. For lost people around the world.
2. For laborers (Matt. 9:37).
3. For the financial needs of the Board.
4. For positive church growth on each field.
5. For God's wisdom in decisions and planning.
6. For protection and boldness for all our workers.
7. For a great spiritual awakening worldwide.

"Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this report to the 2009 Convention be adopted.
2. That the Convention encourage every member to pray faithfully for revival and the Fulfillment of the Great Commission.
3. That the months of **March** and **December** continue to be designated as "**Foreign Missions Month**" in our Convention calendar.
4. That the Convention support the 2009 budget.

This report and recommendations are submitted on behalf of OFWB International, Inc.
Philip Wood, Chairman Harold Jones, Executive Director

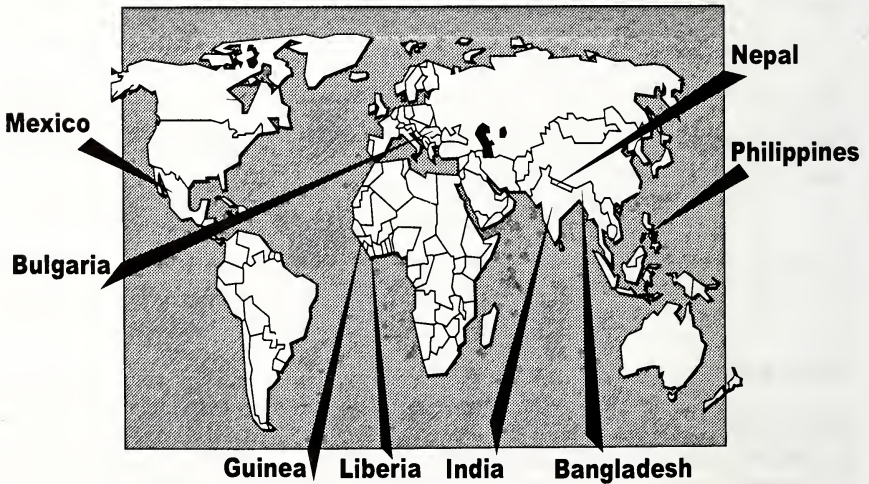
Included in this report are a financial statement and a list of churches and individuals who contributed to OFWB International, Inc. (Foreign Missions) in 2007.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Philip Wood, Chairman
Phillip Boykin, Secretary
Gary Bailey

John Hill
Wayne King
Henry Armstrong, Jr., (Honorary Member)

**“Only as the Church fulfills her missionary obligation
does she justify her existence.” –William Fetler**



The Board of Foreign Missions has work in eight countries around the world.

OFWB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
Financial Statement

CASH BALANCE JANUARY 2008

\$ 175,054

Year end 2008

Statement Date: December 31, 2008

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
REVENUES			
Free Will Baptist Churches and Individuals	\$712,836	\$831,345	\$737,528
Interest	1,000	880	
	1,000		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES BUDGET	\$714,836	\$832,225	\$739,528
Non-budget Receipts			
BUILD ONE FOR THEM	-0-	136,262	-0-
Short-Term Team	-0-	66,836	-0-
Special Projects	-0-	44,014	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS NON BUDGET	-0-	247,112	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS BUDGET/NON BUDGET	-0-	1,079,337	-0-
Cash Available		1,254,391	
Expenses-Budget Items			
Accounting & legal	700	600	700
Board Meetings	1,200	531	1,200
Housing	3,300	3,300	3,300
Insurance	4,509	5,155	4,755
Newsletter (COMMAND)	15,296	7,757	15,296
Postage	5,000	3,209	5,000
General Travel	3,000	5,315	3,000
Rent (Paid Convention)	6,060	6,180	6,060
Salaries	75,269	75,348	74,969
Telephone	600	546	600
Payroll Tax	5,975	5,957	6,026
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,186	4,000
Bulgaria	159,572	160,411	162,562
Mexico	79,174	77,211	83,610
Philippines	220,932	230,978	249,178
India	65,940	97,770	65,940
Nepal	8,940	8,940	8,940
Bangladesh	9,949	13,200	10,797
Liberia	15,000	30,729	17,875
Promotion	6,500	5,584	6,500
Office Supplies	2,800	2,277	2,800
Office Expenses (copier, etc.)	2,000	596	2,000
World Missions Conference	2,000	-0-	-0-
Contingency	15,000	-0-	-0-
Service Charge (Convention)	<u>1,620</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>1,620</u>
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$714,836	\$746,500	\$739,528
DIFFERENCE			85,725

Non budget Expenses

Build One for Them	\$168,475
Short-Term Team	\$ 75,220
Special Projects	<u>\$ 35,701</u>

TOTAL NON BUDGET EXPENSES

\$ 279,396

TOTAL EXPENSES BUDGET/NON BUDGET

\$1,025,896

CASH BALANCE December 31, 2008

\$228,495

OFWB INTERNATIONAL, INC. (Board of Foreign Missions) approved changes in the budget to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This budget report is for the calendar year 2008.

**BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ASSETS**CURRENT ASSETS**

First Citizens Checking	\$194,655
Build One for Them Fund	<u>33,840</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$228,495

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Alford Endowment-*FCB	33,210
Beaman Endowment-*CFA	9,200
Buress Endowment-*CFA	700
Caroon-Grubbs Endowment-*CFA	3,377
Cratt Endowment-*CFA	856
Hott Endowmen-*CFA	882
House Endowmen-*CFA	5,000
Link Endowment-*CFA	5,000
Moore Endowment-*CFA	5,000
Reynolds Endowmen-*CFA	21,710
Scott Endowment-*CFA	<u>7,742</u>

TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS

\$92,677

TOTAL RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED ASSETS\$321,172**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

Members' Equity - Restricted	\$ 92,677
Unrestricted	\$228,495

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY\$321,172

*FCB (First Citizens Bank)

*CFA (Church Finance Association)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
Year Ended December 31, 2008

Members' Equity – January 1, 2008 **\$266,781**

Plus: Excess of Receipts over Disbursements:

General Fund - FCB

Receipts	\$ 1,079,337	
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,025,896</u>	53,441

Endowments – CFA

Receipts – contributions	\$ 950
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Members' Equity – December 31, 2008 **\$321,172**

This financial report was prepared by Harold Jones, Executive Director of OFWB International, Inc. (Foreign Missions) and a copy of the Annual Compilation, prepared by Jan B. Murphy, Certified Public Accountant; Greenville, NC has been forwarded to the Executive Committee.

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WORKING FOR GOD WITH EARNESTNESS
AROUND THE WORLD



**A LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO OFWB INTERNATIONAL, INC.
JANUARY 1, 2008--DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ALBEMARLE

Albemarle Auxiliary Conv.	322.50
Albemarle Conference	500.00
Belhaven	437.00
Free Union	6,100.00
Gum Neck	100.00
Hickory Chapel	5,757.00
Malachi's Chapel	513.00
Mt. Tabor	3,500.00
Mt. Zion	1,418.39
Plymouth, First	1,065.00
Shiloh	1,724.98
Sidney	2,086.74
Sound Side	9,049.35
St. Paul	407.00
Trinity	420.00
Union Chapel	2,840.19

CAPE FEAR

Bethel	675.00
Blended Fellowship	400.00
Cape Fear Auxiliary Conv.	25.00
Cape Fear Conf.	369.36
Cape Fear Ministers	25.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting	87.25
Cape Fear Youth Fellowship	150.00
Casey's Chapel	3,968.82
Covenant	235.20
Daly's Chapel	200.00
Faith	6,800.00
Goldsboro, First	5,921.00
Haymount	2,320.00
Hopewell	6,391.18
Johnston Union	4,746.00
Lanwood Chapel	425.00
Lee's Chapel	10,382.82
Oak Grove	877.00
Palmer Memorial	1,971.09
Pleasant Grove	1,595.30
Powhatan	6,239.40
Riverside	1,265.00
Robert's Grove	20,384.54
Shady Grove	26,645.02
Smithfield, First	535.00
Smyrna	175.00
St. Mary's Grove	1,790.00

St. Paul	788.00
Steven's Chapel	1,057.00
Tee's Chapel	3,369.00
Vandora Springs	300.00
Wooten's Chapel	557.00
Yelverton Grove	586.00
Central	
Aspen Grove	950.00
Ayden	1,545.00
Bethany	4,467.00
Black Jack	22,612.53
Central Auxiliary Conv.	200.00
Community	550.00
Daniel's Chapel	5,096.00
Dilda's Grove	3,828.11
Edgewood	2,317.00
Elm Grove	24,923.60
Free Union	7,240.51
Friendship	27,410.55
Greenville, First	4,067.15
Grimsley	920.00
Gum Swamp	2,756.71
Harrell's Chapel	3,815.44
Hickory Grove	2,750.38
Hillside	330.00
Howell Swamp	3,025.00
Hugo	6,790.00
Hull Road	15,101.00
King's Cross Roads	10,442.96
La Grange	4,049.82
Little Creek	2,619.35
Marlboro	50.00
Ormondsville	31,413.10
Otters Creek	384.00
Owens Chapel	1,100.00
Peace	700.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	592.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	1,535.36
Pleasant Hill	809.00
Reedy Branch	8,171.00
Rocky Mount, First	2,171.00
Rose Hill	10,959.44
Rose of Sharon	2,655.00
Saint's Delight	550.19
Saratoga	498.89

Spring Branch	1,865.00	Oriental	1,160.00
Sweet Gum Grove	1,238.00	Pearsall Chapel	1,205.25
Tarboro, First	8,751.50	Pilgrim's Home	598.50
Walnut Creek	1,105.00	Piney Grove	455.00
Watery Branch	600.00	Rock of Zion	1,710.37
Williamston, First	500.44	Rooty Branch	12,727.29
Winterville	77,696.21	Russell's Creek	119.00
EASTERN		Saints Delight	346.90
Antioch	5,850.00	Sandy Plain	12,954.59
Arapahoe	5,686.00	Sarecta	6,130.00
Beaufort	886.35	Silver Creek	1,415.47
Bethel	350.00	Smith's New Home	755.00
Bethlehem	8,278.50	Sneads Ferry	337.00
Beulaville	11,075.24	Snow Hill	2,093.00
British Chapel	883.00	Sound View	10.00
Cabin	350.50	St. Mary's	1,075.00
Christian Chapel	560.00	Trent	425.00
Core Creek	6,705.00	Wardens Grove	580.38
Core Point Chapel	2,024.37	Warsaw, First	325.00
Crab Point	558.00	Welcome Home	131.10
Croatan	2,150.05	Westside	8,830.05
Daly's Chapel	300.00	Whaley's Chapel	1,850.00
Davis	250.00	White Hill	4,568.00
Deep Run	1,525.00	White Oak Grove	1,239.00
Dublin Grove	1,450.62	Wintergreen	3,016.06
Eastern Carteret Co. SS	123.00	PAUL PALMER	
Eastern Conference FWB	26.34	Bethlehem	260.00
Eastern Fifth SS Convention	175.00	Jakin	3,795.00
Eastern Layman's League	28.35	Live Oak	750.00
Edwards Chapel	160.00	Paul Palmer Association	4,680.00
Folkstone	4,365.63	White Pond	1,300.00
Friendship	527.00	Zion	1,708.00
Grant's Chapel	600.00	PEE DEE	
Hillsberry	265.00	Beaverdam	5,669.88
Holly Springs	628.80	Cypress Creek	100.00
Indian Springs	120.00	Emerson	100.00
Jackson Heights	300.00	Little Bethel	250.00
Juniper Chapel	3,235.00	Mission Valley	271.65
Kinston, First	841.00	Mt. Calvary	100.00
Lanier's Chapel	574.00	Oak Grove	1,179.31
Long Ridge	600.00	Pee Dee Auxiliary Conv.	25.00
Macedonia	2,000.00	Pee Dee Union #1&2	250.00
May's Chapel	6,270.24	Pireway	50.00
Memorial	847.08	Thomasboro	500.00
Moseley's Creek	497.25	White Oak	947.58
Mt. Zion (Onslow)	250.00	PIEDMONT	
Mt. Zion (Pamlico)	2,725.00	Christ	100.00
New Haven	400.00	East Rockingham	2,017.10
Northeast	2,897.57	New Hope	200.00
Oak Grove	700.00	Wayside	325.00

WESTERN

Barnes Hill	200.00
Black Jack Grove	1,563.68
Branch Chapel	7,606.16
Durham, First	1,011.00
Everett's Chapel	13,412.25
Floods Chapel	575.00
Free Union	250.00
Fremont	1,450.00
Friendship	1,719.00
Harmony	608.00
Holly Springs	1,286.00
Kenly	1,412.37
Little Rock	1,400.00
Living Waters	1,000.00
Marsh Swamp	2,022.72
Micro	1,847.00
Milbournie	1,880.00
Mt. Zion (Nash)	6,698.89
Mt. Zion (Wilson)	925.00
New Sandy Hill	585.00
Northern	4,520.00
Pine Level	1,063.00
Piney Grove	1,875.00
Pleasant Grove	4,253.94
Pleasant Hill	5,741.50
Pleasant Plain	214.00
Rains Cross Roads	5,895.00
Rock Springs	1,225.00
Selma	521.25
Sherron Acres	100.00
Spring Hill	2,582.00
St. Mary's	4,150.00
Stancil's Chapel	3,587.25
Stoney Creek	55,481.88
Stony Hill	3,040.00
Trinity	2,273.00
Union Chapel	300.00
Union Grove	5,325.00
Unity	2,912.00
Victory	3,600.00
Watson's Grove	125.00
Western Auxiliary Conv.	54.45
Western Conf. Second Union	70.00
Wildwood	500.00
Wilson, First	24,671.95
Wooten's Chapel	50.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Anonymous	510.00
Camp Vandemere	150.00
Cragmont Woman's Conf.	2,527.00
Freddie, West Virginia	162.50
Mission Rally Loose	436.20
NCFWB Woman's Aux.	1,575.30
OFWB of America	5,223.00
OFWB Northern Union	5,000.00
Youth Convention	200.00
Unity Fellowship	1,175.00
INDIVIDUALS	
Alice Kathryn Lamm	1,300.00
Alma Dale Cox	50.00
Almond Miller	5.00
Alvin and Ann Joyner	800.00
Amanda Cleve	10.00
Ann G. Radford	100.00
Ann Moore	132.00
Arlyn Branch	300.00
Barbara A. Willoughby	25.00
Barbara Guzman	500.00
Barbara Herring/Sue Hamm	1,000.00
Barbara S. Smith	1,000.00
Becky Jo Sumner	1,402.00
Betty A. Moore	1,270.00
Bishop LaVaughn Hughes	50.00
Bishop Limmie N. Forbes	500.00
Blanche A. House	1,000.00
Brenda Edwards	25.00
Brenda Joyner	20.00
Brenda M. Smith	20.00
Bridget B. Dail	100.00
Carol Davis	10.00
Carol G. Prescott	50.00
Carolyn Lee Best	50.00
Carolyn S. Mazingo	50.00
Catherine E. Quinn	675.00
Chris & Rachel Embler	200.00
Christine T. Langley	300.00
Clarence and Barbara Smith	100.00
Clovis S Bowen	100.00
Corbert Contracting, Inc.	500.00
Daniel Hines	2,310.00
Deborah H. Hall	300.00
Dee Ann Maready	100.00
Dennis Lee	20.00

Dianne B. Riley	50.00	Jessica Lamm	625.00
Donna D. Seymour	50.00	Jewell Lawrence	1,775.00
Donna L. Boykin	200.00	Jim Malpass	40.00
Doris Peele	400.00	Jo Ann Bryant	100.00
Doris W. Knight	50.00	JoAnn S Woodard	100.00
Dorothy B. Whaley	10.00	Joel E. Sutton	25.00
Dr. & Mrs. Burkette Raper	125.00	Joey P. Smith	325.00
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Pelt	300.00	Joseph Tyler Gatlin	50.00
Dr. & Mrs. Opey D Jeanes	50.00	Joshua Phillips	313.00
Dr. & Mrs. William Byrd	100.00	Joyce Adams	60.00
Elder Marvin Taylor	5.00	Joyce B. Brock	275.00
Eleanor O. Pittman	300.00	Joyce Coates	20.00
Elinor H. McCoy	25.00	Judith W. May	30.00
Eliza Garrett Hines	5.00	Justin & Roxi Simpson	1,800.00
Emily K. Perry	350.00	Katherine C. Highsmith	10,500.00
Emily S. Meeks	420.00	Katie R. Mitchell	10.00
Emma L. Williams	50.00	Laverle G. Batton	900.00
Enzie H. Singleton	25.00	Leah McGlohon	1,200.00
Esther H. Sumner	50.00	Leslie & Jason Bunch	300.00
Esther P. Flowers	40.00	Linda W. Futch	120.00
Fannie S. Bass	25.00	Lois P. McKenzie	50.00
Faye King	5.00	Lorraine & Antonio Tello	2,766.00
Fran Overton	445.00	Louise Wainright	100.00
Frances Phillips	180.00	Loydene B. Proctor	50.00
Gary Fenton Barefoot	20.00	Lucille H. Roberson	100.00
Gary L. Price	100.00	Lucille Mc Lawhorn	10.00
Gay Childers	20.00	Lucille W. Shackelford	24.00
Gertrude D Davis	100.00	Lucy K. Copeland	600.00
Gladys C. Avery	830.00	Marcia Mitchell	10.00
Glenda McLawhorn	600.00	Margaret A. Lassiter	175.00
Glenn Sumner	5.00	Margaret Carol Banks	25.00
Grace A. Hill	3,000.00	Margaret Grice	25.00
Grace T. Brown	100.00	Margaret V. Ard	100.00
H. Martin Lancaster	50.00	Maria Correia	100.00
Hardie G. Hancock	3,425.00	Marshall & Jan J. Stewart	200.00
Harold Jones	10,780.00	Mary A. Ellis	100.00
Hazel Reel	500.00	Mary H. Strickland	100.00
Hilda Bullock	300.00	Mary J. Howard	10.00
Howard Green	20.00	Mary Jane Vowinkel	200.00
J. Lynn Cale	150.00	Mary L. Joyner	100.00
James & Ruth Morgan	100.00	Mavie Daughtry	568.71
James E Riggs	100.00	May Family	240.00
James E. Grantham	200.00	Melissa Barnett	1,500.00
James W. Cahoon	50.00	Merle A. Stephenson	100.00
Jane Parker	25.00	Michael D. Creech	1,098.00
Jean B. Wilson	25.00	Miriam B. Lamm	50.00
Jean R. Hardison	500.00	Mitchell Parker	20.00
Jennifer M. Smith	175.00	Mittie W. Lamm	305.00
Jenny P. Creech	200.00	M/M A. J. McLawhorn	200.00
Jesse T. Suggs	20.00	M/M A. Lewis Carowan	200.00

M/M Alton Ray Hines	1,850.00	M/M Gary House	100.00
M/M Amos Harris	1,105.00	M/M Gary W. Faircloth	100.00
M/M Andrew Paul	630.00	M/M Gene Faircloth	10.00
M/M Arthur P. Bostic	3,900.00	M/M Gene T. Jernigan	1,000.00
M/M Ashby Bynum	70.00	M/M George H. Futrelle	50.00
M/M Barry C. Speer	50.00	M/M Gerald Tugwell	250.00
M/M Bennie King	15.00	M/M Gilbert Slaughter	240.00
M/M Billy Ray Vincent	200.00	M/M Gordon Crocker	25.00
M/M Blanie A. Moye	400.00	M/M Greg Jones	5,260.00
M/M Bob Ackiss	200.00	M/M Grover C. Bryan, Jr.	25.00
M/M Bobby D. Cole	300.00	M/M Guy V. Stott	50.00
M/M Bobby E. Weston	500.00	M/M H. A. Brothers, Jr.	25.00
M/M Bobby G. Raper	25.00	M/M Herman Lancaster	125.00
M/M Brian L. Perry	10.00	M/M Horace E. Gurley, II	60.00
M/M Brian Wilson	300.00	M/M J. B. Mc Lawhorn	510.00
M/M Bruce E. Gray	2,720.00	M/M J. E. Sumerlin	3,082.00
M/M C. S. Tart	120.00	M/M J. Irvin Mizell, Jr.	100.00
M/M C. W. Turner, Jr.	550.00	M/M Stewart Humphrey	250.00
M/M Carl V. Averette	100.00	M/M J. W. Perry	200.00
M/M Carlton C. Oakley	70.00	M/M James A. Barwick	25.00
M/M Carroll W. Hawkins	2,200.00	M/M James A. Rikard	25.00
M/M Charles R. Ball	3,100.00	M/M James Dills	50.00
M/M Charles W. Craft, Jr.	620.00	M/M James G. Tart	20.00
M/M Charlie E. Spain	20.00	M/M James P. Blow	50.00
M/M Chris B. Viverette	172.00	M/M James Ray Gerrell	625.00
M/M Christopher Coerver	100.00	M/M James R. Edwards	175.00
M/M Chuck Branch	1,600.00	M/M James Roy Smith	500.00
M/M Connie M. Whitman	25.00	M/M Jarvis J. Mills	1,525.00
M/M D. Bruce Baird	1,500.00	M/M Jason Edwards	5.00
M/M Daniel Langston	562.00	M/M Jay T. Sauls	500.00
M/M Danny W. Creech	250.00	M/M Jeffrey M. Perry	300.00
M/M David A. Brewer	450.00	M/M Jerry E. Jernigan	20.00
M/M David Houston	50.00	M/M Jerry W. McRoy	9,000.00
M/M David M. Lockamy	1,287.50	M/M Jim Turner Tripp	500.00
M/M Dawson Page	2,470.00	M/M Jimmie D. Herring	780.00
M/M Dennis D. Williams	2,819.00	M/M John J. Wiggins	690.00
M/M Donnie E. Lassiter	500.00	M/M John R. Manning	25.00
M/M Donnie Parker	800.00	M/M John W. Ellis	25.00
M/M Doug Tompkins	20.00	M/M John W. Floyd	25.00
M/M Earl W. Deal	30.00	M/M Johnnie Davenport	230.00
M/M Edward Avery	25.00	M/M Jordan C. Williams	20.00
M/M Elwood Mac Donald	50.00	M/M Joseph L. Smith	475.00
M/M Erwin C. Hines	1,056.00	M/M Joseph L. Smith, Jr	1,825.00
M/M Eugene Jernigan	1,200.00	M/M Joseph Williams	150.00
M/M Frank L. Barron	250.00	M/M Keith R. Gould	100.00
M/M Fred Boykin	100.00	M/M Keith Whitley	150.00
M/M G. A. Barbee	25.00	M/M Kelley Smart	210.00
M/M G. B. Frazelle	1,100.00	M/M Kelvin J. Coates	25.00
M/M G. Wayne Williams	150.00	M/M Kenneth E. Caughron	40.00
M/M Gary B. Collier	3,925.00	M/M L. C. Honeycutt	10,000.00

M/M L. C. Wood	60.00	M/M Robert S. Hudson	130.00
M/M L. Marvin Edwards	500.00	M/M Robert W. Pennington	25.00
M/M L. R. Caroon	100.00	M/M Rocky Kennedy	4,700.00
M/M L. Wayne Bailey	500.00	M/M Ronald Evans	50.00
M/M LaDon McDowell	30.00	M/M Roy E. Hinson	500.00
M/M Larry E. Clayton	50.00	M/M Roy Weatherington	50.00
M/M Lee M. Jernigan	50.00	M/M Russell L. Dail	50.00
M/M Lester H. Smith	50.00	M/M Scott McCoy	750.00
M/M Lindbergh Mills	100.00	M/M Seth B. Cayton	1,665.00
M/M Lloyd Dawson	100.00	M/M Stearle Pittman	750.00
M/M Lloyd W. Jones, Jr.	10.00	M/M Stephen Moore	100.00
M/M Lonnie B. McLawhorn	5,200.00	M/M Steve Batten	200.00
M/M Louis F. Holloway	180.00	M/M Terry G. Coates	25.00
M/M Maehue Bailey	1,200.00	M/M Thomas Forrest	10.00
M/M Marshall T. Spain	100.00	M/M Thomas Strickland	500.00
M/M Marshall W. Taylor	100.00	M/M Timothy Copeland	100.00
M/M Marty Corbett	100.00	M/M Timothy B. Hobbs	50.00
M/M Melvin Hines	200.00	M/M Timothy L. Rowland	500.00
M/M Michael L. Asby	50.00	M/M Tommie F. Bostic	1,200.00
M/M Michael T. Bowen	26,000.00	M/M Tommy Tyndall	50.00
M/M Michael W. Joyner	350.00	M/M Tony R. Holloman	8,000.00
M/M Milton C. Kennedy	1,275.00	M/M Troy E. Parker	100.00
M/M N. C. Holmes	50.00	M/M W. L. Brown	25.00
M/M Nelson A. Hall	85.00	M/M W. Royce Holmes	10.00
M/M Noah Capps	100.00	M/M Wayne Evans	300.00
M/M Noah Norman	300.00	M/M Weaver Baker	850.00
M/M Norman Widdis	1,500.00	M/M Wesley E. Beddard	50.00
M/M Odell Jernigan	350.00	M/M Willard C. West	25.00
M/M Patrick Jacobs	150.00	M/M William B. Willis, Sr.	20.00
M/M Paul F. Bisette	600.00	M/M William D. Jackson	25.00
M/M Percy Kennedy	200.00	M/M William D. Veith	1,600.00
M/M Perry Hope	100.00	M/M William J. Tripp	100.00
M/M Pete Creech	1,700.00	M/M William Lassiter	25.00
M/M Phillip Norville	100.00	M/M William P. Hodges	300.00
M/M Pittman Hines	1,200.00	Mrs. Carlee Stallard	10.00
M/M Q. J. Sumner	475.00	Mrs. J. Roger Kearney	50.00
M/M Ralph E. Jones	400.00	Nancy Boykin	100.00
M/M Ralph Whitehurst	200.00	Nancy F. Lamm	50.00
M/M Rand Holland	700.00	Nancy W. Hardee	25.00
M/M Randall Smith	1,175.00	Nannie M. Fields	50.00
M/M Randy D. Doub	50.00	Naomi A. Allen	100.00
M/M Raymond C. Gray	300.00	Nettie F. Braswell	100.00
M/M Reid Southerland	50.00	Olive M. Smith	400.00
M/M Ricky Holland	20.00	Ollie Langston	150.00
M/M Roamie W. Green	1,000.00	Patricia Autin-Wilson	5.00
M/M Robert B. Wilkerson	1,500.00	Paula H. Rhodes	50.00
M/M Robert E. Weathersby	1,400.00	Pearl T. Coats	100.00
M/M Robert L. Baker	70.00	Rev/M Ashley Trogon	1,000.00
M/M Robert M. Paiz	59.66	Rev/M Aubrey Williamson	10.00
M/M Robert R. Davis	575.00	Rev/M Billy R. Nowell	20.00

Rev/M Bobby R. Taylor	600.00	Sally W. Scott	40.00
Rev/M Bobby Tew	1,200.00	Sarah C. McCormack	600.00
Rev/M Braxton Carter	100.00	Sharlene Howell	75.00
Rev/M Bryce Rouse	2,000.00	Shirley D. Coor	20.00
Rev/M C. H. Overman	325.00	Shirley S. Whitehurst	1,000.00
Rev/M Cedric D. Pierce, Jr.	280.00	Shirley T. Sellers	100.00
Rev/M Chris Singleton	30.00	Shirley T. Warren	20.00
Rev/M Dallas W. Byrd	450.00	Stuart Lee Jordan	50.00
Rev/M Danny Smith	500.00	Tabatha Kennedy	150.00
Rev/M David Hill	20.00	Tammy E. Hudson	475.00
Rev/M David Hines	300.00	Teresa Harris	475.00
Rev/M David M. Langley	413.00	Thomas B. Underwood III	313.00
Rev/M De W. Eakes	50.00	Thomas L. Wallace	30.00
Rev/M Dean Kennedy	500.00	Timothy H. Stocks	2,230.00
Rev/M Doug Seymour	50.00	Tina Stilley	20.00
Rev/M Emmitt Jones	20.00	Tracy & Steven R. Mayo	1,000.00
Rev/M Frank Flowers	295.00	Velma Morris	100.00
Rev/M Fred Baker	50.00	Verena L. Paul	20.00
Rev/M Gary Bailey	115.60	Verla P. Creech	250.00
Rev/M J. B. Narron	500.00	Vickie W Wade	25.00
Rev/M James Gurganus	1,475.00	Viola Best	100.00
Rev/M James Owens	15.00	Viola T. Wilson	400.00
Rev/M Joe Crumpler	300.00	Virginia B. Holmes	25.00
Rev/M John Hill, Jr.	100.00	W. C. Martin	10,000.00
Rev/M John Mark Windley	100.00	Wanda Johnson	50.00
Rev/M Johnny R. Sullivan	50.00	Wayne & Angela Buck	500.00
Rev/M Lewis J. Forsythe	25.00	Wilton Evans	200.00
Rev/M Mike Barnhill	30.00		
Rev/M Paul Grubbs	200.00		
Rev/M Philip Wood	1,000.00		
Rev/M Phillip Boykin	175.00		
Rev/M Richard A. Glosson	20.00		
Rev/M Richard Holmes	250.00		
Rev/M Ricky J Warren	20.00		
Rev/M Roney B. Bunn, Jr.	300.00		
Rev/M Ronnie V. Hobgood	70.00		
Rev/M Royce L. Reynolds	50.00		
Rev/M Sherman Dilley	100.00		
Rev/M Terry L. Dennis	25.00		
Rev/M Thomas M. Parrish	150.00		
Rev/M William J. Godwin	100.00		
Rev/M William Mobley	5.00		
Rev/M Woodrow W. Freeze	20.00		
Rev. A. B. Bryan	50.00		
Richard W. Tyree, Jr.	50.00		
Robert W. Williams, Jr.	200.00		
Robin L. Lee	5.00		
Rose H. Jones	100.00		
Rose R. Phillips	10.00		
Salathiel Windley	100.00		

HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM



HOME MISSIONS
& EVANGELISM
OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WORKING FOR GOD WITH EARNESTNESS

Thirty Seventh Annual Report
Home Missions & Evangelism
2009 Convention

THIS DECADE PRESENTS MANY CHALLENGES TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The church must learn the needs of our society with its changing social trends and influences. We, through Home Missions and Evangelism, have developed GROWTH DYNAMICS for helping the church reach our communities with effective strategy in WORKING FOR GOD WITH EARNESTNESS. We must become involved in PRAYING for those around us, CARING for the hurting, and SHARING the Good News appropriately.

OUR ENDEAVOR is to follow our assignment and aim in planting churches, assisting the declining churches, chartering scout units, helping our churches reach its community through effective evangelism, building a Disaster Relief Ministry that follows the Master's Plan, and developing a Mobile Ministry that serves beyond the local church.

2010 ESSENTIAL GOALS:

- Plant 5 mission/churches
- Assist declining churches/Harvest Covenant
- Charter 5 Boy Scout Units
- Plant 5 Hispanic mission/churches
- Lighthouse Ministry (Evangelism Training)
- Increase Touching Lives Corps
- Biker/Prison Ministry
- Secure facility for Disaster Relief Ministry
- 250 membership - Disaster Relief Ministry
- Harvest Helpers Prayer Team
- Develop Mobile Ministry

TO DATE:

2 possibilities in 09
Five
Three in 09
Opening two in 09
Conducted sixteen
13 youth groups
Accomplished
Accomplished
Exceed by 100 (350)
Accomplished
Accomplished



CHURCH EXTENSION

Free Spirit - Wilson, NC

Missionary, Bobby Futrell

Daly's Chapel - LaGrange, NC

Missionary, Ronnie Taylor

Sunrise Landing Mobile Church

Faith Training Center - Morehead City, NC

Coordinator, James Gurganus

Our constituency now has an adequate training facility located on the coast of North Carolina. Arrangements have been made with the Faith Original Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City, North Carolina to establish the **FAITH TRAINING CENTER**. This gives the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism the opportunity to provide a place for training Director/Pastors and Coordinators of our mission/churches. It also sets the stage for training volunteer teams involved in our Disaster Relief Ministry. Other trainings are being developed that will enhance the overall work and ministry of our Denomination.

ETHNIC MISSIONS:

H'mongs 10 worship groups, California
2 worship groups, North Carolina
1 worship group, St. Paul, Minnesota
1 worship group, Las Vegas, NV
1 worship group, Salt Lake City, UT
1 worship group, Milwaukee, WI
H'mong Youth Camp, California
H'mong Youth Camp, North Carolina

Hispanic •Alpha & Omega OFWB, Ayden, NC
Director, Dr. A. Graham Lane
Coordinator, Jose Perez
•Proposed new Hispanic Mission/Church to be located in Morehead City, NC



SCOUTING

1. Boy Scouts of America
2. American Heritage Girls



PROJECT KIDS KARE

*Project Kids Kare is a year-round ministry. Now is an excellent time to schedule this special project that could make a difference in a child's life.

Many children in America are in need and will be **TOUCHED FOR A LIFETIME** by Project Kids Kare, a ministry to children through The Harvest Connection. By participating in this unique project, you, your family, church, school, or organization will be helping to reach needy children in America.

When a child receives a box, they will also receive literature about the good news of Jesus Christ.

PRAY... for the child that will receive your gift box.



TOUCHING LIVES CORPS

1. College students, single adults, married couples, senior citizens
2. Persons who desire to do Home Missions endeavors for a weekend, a week, or a month.
3. Persons who are willing to be responsible for the raising of their own financial support for a Home Missionary.



LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY

(Praying, Caring, Sharing)

- a. Usher Training
- b. Invitational Visitation
- c. JESUS Video Project
- d. Bible Distribution
- e. Canning Hunger
- f. Harvest Helpers
- g. Deacon Training
- h. Reaching Your Community for Christ
- i. Being Prepared for Disaster
- j. Outreach - Tent Ministry



BIKER/PRISON MINISTRY

HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Revenue	Budget 2008	Actual 2008	Budget 2009
Churches	250,000.00	234,231.10	250,000.00
Individuals	25,000.00	21,081.06	25,000.00
Sowers/Seed Club	2,000.00	497.00	2,000.00
Endowments	5,000.00	200.00	5,000.00
Other	45,000.00	30,869.36	45,000.00
Interest	2,000.00	2,004.81	2,000.00
Insurance Reimb.	2,000.00	1,251.13	2,000.00
Misc. Reimbursements	0.00	4,179.10	0.00
Conference/Union	4,000.00	2,814.37	4,000.00
New Projects	52,000.00	0.00	52,000.00
Gifts in Kind	12,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00
Disaster Relief	90,000.00	107,881.08	90,000.00
Rent (Living Faith)	12,600.00	10,200.00	12,600.00
Biker/Prison Ministry	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>1,297.75</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$507,600.00	\$418,506.76	\$507,600.00

EXPENSES

Home Missions	87,700.00	70,800.00	87,700.00
Harvest Covenant	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
Ethnic Missions	35,000.00	7,435.67	35,000.00
Spanish Missions	5,200.00	2,950.00	5,200.00
Proposed New Work	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Evangelism	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Scouting	4,000.00	1,194.00	4,000.00
Disaster Relief	85,000.00	127,831.18	85,000.00
Special Projects	75,000.00	7,390.42	75,000.00
General Operations	<u>175,500.00</u>	<u>193,053.84</u>	<u>175,500.00</u>
	\$507,600.00	\$410,655.11	\$507,600.00

HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM 2008 REPORT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)****BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2008****Assets:**

Current Assets:

BB&T Checking Account	\$ 4,191.53
BB&T Savings Account	16,146.59
Contingency Fund	<u>566.71</u>

\$20,904.83

Restricted Assets:

Endowments & Artwork	\$ 89,932.08
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Fixed Assets:

Office Equipment & Furniture	\$ 37,355.90
Morehead City Property	475,000.00
Wilson Property	300,000.00
Kinston Property	330,000.00
Landis Property	275,000.00
Whiteville Property	84,500.00
Vehicles	113,333.75
Tent Equipment	<u>15,500.00</u>

Total Assets

\$1,630,689.65

\$ 1,741,526.56**Liabilities and Capital:**

Liabilities:

Notes Payable - Church Finance	\$178,997.73
Note Payable - Auto	3,853.42
Note Payable - Kinston facility	<u>265,139.40</u>
Total Liabilities	

\$ 447,990.55

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$1,203,603.93
Restricted	<u>89,932.08</u>

Total Net Assets

\$ 1,293,536.01

Total Liabilities and Capital

\$ 1,741,526.56



FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Nonbudgeted Items

Income

Baxley, Georgia (satellite) 3,784.44

Expenses

Baxley, Georgia (satellite) 803.60

* This financial report was prepared by Management and a copy of the Annual Compilation will be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Recommendations to the 2009 Convention:

1. That the Convention receive the 2009 report of Home Missions and Evangelism.
2. That the Convention continue to designate April as Home Missions and Evangelism Month and that the fourth Sunday be designated as Home Missions and Evangelism Sunday in every Original Free Will Baptist Church.
3. That the Convention continue to designate September as Disaster Relief Month in every Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted:

Board of Directors

Mr. Howard McPherson, *Chairman*
 Mr. Peyton Lee, *Vice Chairman*
 Reverend Lewis Forsythe, *Secretary*
 Reverend Bruce Jones
 Reverend Braxton Carter
 Reverend Mrs. Carlee Stallard
 Mr. Wayne Britt

Volunteer Disaster Relief Team

Reverend Harold Swinson, *Food Coord.*
 Reverend Tim Heath, *Tent Coord.*
 Reverend & Mrs. Terry Ellis, *Harvest
 Helper Coordinators*

Staff

Reverend David C. Hansley, *Executive Director*
 Mrs. Laura Monroe, *Administrative Assistant*
 Reverend A. Graham Lane, *Ethnic Coordinator*
 Mr. Roy Wetherington, *Disaster Relief Coordinator*
 Reverend Francis Garner, *Service Coordinator*
 Reverend James Gurganus, *Faith Training Center Coordinator*

The Free Will Baptist Minister's Program

Annual Report to the 2009 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

Mission Statement

It is the purpose of The Free Will Baptist Minister's Program to serve the churches and ministers of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. It is our assertion that the minister can best meet the spiritual requirements of a congregation if he is unencumbered by the burden of financial insecurity. To this end we provide administrative services, information resources, and educational opportunities. These are designed to help the minister and the local church plan together a program of compensation and benefits designed to meet the minister's present and future financial needs.

Meeting Needs

Meeting needs is what the Minister's Program is all about. This program was brought into existence to help prepare the minister for the financial eventualities of life.

To do this, we try to help educate the church and the minister about the unique needs of the pastorate. Our goal is not to provide for the minister, that is the church's responsibility, but to help the church and the minister plan together so that at all stages of life the minister can serve without the burden of financial concerns holding him back.

The Minister's Program is an extension of the local church administering programs that the church could not provide on their own. We stand ready to work with the minister and the church to help them accomplish the goal of working together in a lifetime of financial planning. Ministers step out in faith to answer God's call. That faith is based on the belief that God will prepare them and provide for them.

We believe that God channels His provisions through the church and it is required of them to be good stewards as it relates to their care of the pastor. This does not apply exclusively to matters of compensation, but also to support, appreciation, and willingness on the part of the church to be led. Please consider areas that the Minister's Program can work with you to help build a strong working relationship with your pastor.

We are pleased to present to the ministers and churches of the Convention, *A Guide to Church & Pastor Relationships* which was approved by the Convention Executive Committee in February of this year. The relationship between a congregation and her pastor is critical to the ministry and the success of the local church. It is only by working effectively together that the church is able to meet its calling and carry out the teachings of the "Great Commission."

It is the goal of this publication to foster good communication between the pastor and the congregation by providing information to help understand and address important

issues that often arise in the church. The first printing will be distributed at little or no cost and we hope that you will be able to find value in its use.

The Year in Review

Retirement News The news on the retirement front for everyone invested in equities this past year was not good. This was also true for the ministers invested in the Managed Fund of the MRS. That fund experienced an average loss of 19.18%. While the loss was less than the 33% suffered by the Dow no one ever wants to lose in an investment. Those invested in the Fixed Fund realized a modest return of 3.62%. The economy continues to suffer and it will probably get worse before it gets better.

It is important to note that the retirement plan continues to operate in a safe and sound fashion assuring those participating ministers that when they decide to retire the plan will be ready to serve their needs. To insure the integrity of the retirement program it is reviewed regularly by an independent organization in an effort to make certain that those depending on these benefits will be confident that when they are ready to retire their benefits will be available.

We will move forward with a regular review of our plan for 2008 by AON, a worldwide benefits corporation., and report its findings to our participants and this Convention. Our plan is among the most advanced plans available for ministers and it enjoys benefits that make it unmatched in the private sector.

Does your minister have a plan for retirement? Churches should help their pastor prepare for the future by funding his retirement plan today. Contact the Minister's Program for any help you may need as you assist your pastor so that he can retire with the dignity and security that his calling deserves.

Christmas Cheer This program has been very well received by our ministers and churches since it was first implemented. Each year the Minister's Program sends a gift of \$150 to all ministers age 65 and older. It is a gift from the churches of the Convention to men who have literally given their lives to the gospel ministry. This program is a way of saying we remember you, and we are grateful for what you have done.

For the first time in its history the program became self-supporting and we would like to thank the churches, individuals and the organizations within the church that made this possible. We ask your continued support in the coming year. While the response has been very good we still have churches that do not give at all to this program and we would like to invite them to make 2009 the year they say "thank you".

The Minister's Widows Fund and Surviving Minister's Fund Another program we offer to our ministers and their wives is the Minister's Widows Fund and the Surviving Minister's Fund. For those who participate, this program provides a meaningful gift for fellow ministers during a time of loss. For the first time in 40 years the enrollment fee has been increased to \$15. This has been done to increase the benefit received by the spouses of the participants. The Minister's Program pays for the administrative cost of this program so that every dollar goes to the spouse.

Since the last report to this Convention we have lost by death three members who participated in the Minister's Widows Fund, The Reverends W.J. Tyner, John David Hill and T.O. Terry. The Surviving Minister's Fund reported the death of the wives of two ministers, Betty P. Lee the wife of The Reverend John Rayford Lee and Patricia Bradbury the wife of The Reverend Carroll Bradbury.

What Can Your Church Do?

The Minister's Program will continue to maintain a comprehensive plan whereby churches and pastors can work together, and we will make effort to keep everyone informed in the area of taxation, compensation, retirement, and financial planning.

The only limit to the scope of this program is the level of support we receive from you, the local church. Your gift to us is a sacred trust and we make every effort to provide the greatest benefit to our ministers with a minimum outlay for administrative costs.

We hope that you appreciate this fact and that you will continue to support this program with your prayers and gifts. Last year our total gift support from churches was \$89,358. However, over 25% of the churches of this Convention did not support the Minister's Program. Did your church give? Please tell us what we need to do to earn the trust and confidence necessary to receive your support.

We ask that you consider the following challenge:

Gift Challenges

For churches with less than 100 members	\$150.00
100 - 149	\$300.00
150 - 199	\$400.00
Over 200	\$500.00

If we can help you in any way please call on us.

Sherman Dilley, Chairman
Randall Smith, Vice Chairman
Phillip Boykin
Richard Glosson
Ricky Warren

Recommendations

- 1) We ask this Convention's continuous prayers in support of this program.
- 2) We ask for approval of the budget presented.
- 3) We ask that October be designated as Minister's Program Month and that the second Sunday in October be set aside as Clergy Appreciation Day. In addition, we ask that the second Sunday in June be set aside as Minister's Program Sunday in the local church.

Important Information Regarding the Financial Report: The Minister's Program has consistently operated in a manner that reflects sound financial principles. We operate on a balanced budget policy and typically end the year with a surplus. As recently as 2003 we transferred \$225,000 out of surplus into the retirement reserve resulting in an increase for those who are retired and those preparing for retirement.

For the purpose of protecting minister's accounts and compliance with Federal law we maintain two separate accounts for the retirement program and our daily operating fund. When reporting to this Convention we do combine the reports and you will note the term "Consolidated" on the income and expense report as well as the balance sheet. This is done for clarity and to make the scope and operation of this program more understandable.

This year it is important to note that the program shows a loss in the amount of \$146,301. This is not an operating loss that comes from spending more money than you take in. This loss was created by the drop in value of the retirement funds invested in the stock market. Ministers are allowed to choose the method in which their funds are invested and stock market investments can and do lose money. As stated on the 2nd page of this report the Managed Account of the Minister's Retirement Plan experienced a loss of 19.18% due to the heavy losses in the stock market.

**The Free Will Baptist Minister's Program
Financial Report
12/31/2008
Consolidated Balance Sheet**

ASSETS

Cash in Banks	\$462,876
Deposits with CFA	7,473
Equity Holdings (Stocks, bonds, etc)	805,475
Office Equip	750

TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,276,574
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LIABILITIES

Retirement Reserve	\$1,128,192
Accruals	24,511
Fund Balance	\$123,871

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,276,574
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**Consolidated
Income and Expense
12/31/2008**

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
INCOME			
Church/ Ind. Contributions	75,000	89,358	78,000
Interest and Dividend	35,000	(162,137)	45,000
Retirement Contributions	85,000	96,720	95,000
Widows and Ministers Fund	-0-	6,495	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	195,000	30,436	218,000
EXPENSES			
Insurance Premiums	2,000	1,776	2,000
Retirement Benefits	107,325	87,968	127,620
Retirement Distribution	4,000	2,850	3,000
Hardship Grants	3,000	927	3,000
Christmas Cheer	16,000	15,000	15,000
Professional Fees	3,000	3,119	4,000
Office Expense	17,000	14,887	18,000
Board and Director Expense	8,000	6,635	8,000
Director	24,000	24,750	26,000
Retirement	7,000	7,000	7,400
Payroll Taxes	3,675	3,860	3,980
Widows and Minister's Fund	-0-	7,965	-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES	195,000	176,737	218,000
Retirement Reserve			
(LOSS) OR GAIN		(146,301)	

See management's accompanying notes.

- 1) This financial report was prepared by management.
- 2) The accounting firm of Page and Smith, PA, CPAs provides a quarterly compilation report, and a consolidated year end statement to the Board of Directors, a copy of which has been provided to the Executive Committee of the Convention.

- 3) The Minister's Retirement Program is regularly valued and certified by the AON Consulting, an internationally recognized benefits firm.
- 4) The Minister's Program has deposits with Church Finance Association, Inc. The director of the Minister's Program is employed part time with the CFA.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S PROGRAM

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MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION.
TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE.

Chartered November 27, 1951

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MARCH 6, 2009

Mission

“To operate and maintain a private church-affiliated college for the education of men and women that offers programs, including professional studies, that are rooted in the liberal arts tradition and provided in an environment nurtured by Christian values;

“To maintain and support academic excellence through higher learning and higher values in a community made up of persons dedicated to the practice and advancement of Biblically based Christian ideals and Christ centered living in all aspects of life;

“To seek and require higher standards in providing relevant educational programs reflecting an emphasis on the personal growth of each student at places and times that enhance the possible.”

Sponsorship and Governance

Mount Olive College is a Christian ministry of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and is governed by a thirty-member Board of Trustees “consistent with the Charter of the College.” Membership on the Board is by election of the Convention.

Contact persons for services related to the church:

President

Chair, Department of Religion

Director of Alumni Relations

Curator of the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection

Campus Minister

Director of Financial Aid (Scholarships, Grants, Loans)

Director of Church Support

Director of Planned Giving

Director of Public Affairs

Director of Admissions

Campus Bookstore Manager

Event Services Coordinator

Dr. J. William Byrd

Dr. K. David Hines

Ms. Dianne B. Riley

Mr. Gary F. Barefoot

Dr. Greg Day

Mrs. Katrina Lee

Mrs. Jean F. Ackiss

The Reverend Jeff Daughtry

Mrs. Rhonda E. Jessup

Mr. Tim Woodard

Ms. Amber Hill

Mrs. Sherry Jennings

Mount Olive College...Earnestly Transforming Lives

The top MOC news story for 2008 was the Mount Olive College Trojan baseball team capturing the title of NCAA Division II Champions. It was tangible proof that MOC baseball is as good as it has ever been.

The First Annual Winter Glitz, planned and organized by the MOC Alumni Association, brought in over \$16,000 for student scholarships. The 2009 Glitz was expected to exceed that figure.

87% of the College's full-time faculty have terminal degrees.

Mount Olive College served 4,670 students from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Mount Olive College offers more than 40 majors, including seven programs specifically for working adults.

The College's endowment grew by \$901,839.83 during the 07-08 fiscal year, bringing the gift total in endowment to \$19,843,673.92 through 6-30-08.

Robert Niblock, chairman and CEO of Lowe's Companies, Inc., was the first speaker of the Tillman School of Business Distinguished Speaker Series, slated to become a highlight of the Tillman School of Business calendar.

The Modular Religion Major (MRM) celebrated its tenth year in 2008. Currently offered in Mount Olive, New Bern and Washington, the MRM program concentrates on biblical studies, religious history, theological studies and applied theology.

The North Carolina Pork Council pledged \$100,000 to MOC over a five year period to establish an endowed scholarship at the College in memory of Lois G. Britt.

Nine Mount Olive College students received awards at the State Leadership Conference Competition of the North Carolina State Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL).

Mount Olive College received \$100,000 from the Cannon Foundation to be directed to the College's Fine Arts Village project.

Mount Olive College, through the Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center, received a \$125,000 grant from the Tobacco Trust Fund Commission to develop the grass-fed cattle industry in NC. Goals for the project include providing farmers who are interested in producing and marketing grass-fed beef with tools to evaluate and implement the alternative enterprise.

Mount Olive College, through the Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center, received \$345,000 in funding through the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (NCADFPTF) to develop Countywide Farmland Protection Plans for 12 counties in southeastern and south central North Carolina.

MOC at Wilmington moved into its new location at 1838 Sir Tyler Drive in October. Occupying 12,500 square feet, the new facility contains 11 classrooms, two of which can be opened into large board-room style spaces; 7 faculty offices; and 9 staff offices. The classroom area includes a video-conferencing room, a science lab, and a computer lab. Contiguous office space provides student services in the areas of enrollment, advisement, financial aid counseling and student accounts counseling. Along with these enhancements are a business conference room and a student lounge.

Norwood Odom, longtime member of the Mount Olive Rotary Club, left provisions in his will to provide \$309,298.22 to the Mount Olive Rotary Endowed Scholarship Fund at Mount Olive College.

Dr. Pepper Worthington, a longtime friend, supporter and faculty member, contributed \$100,000 to MOC for the expansion and relocation of the College's bookstore from its

current site in Poole Administration Building to what is now the Academic Affairs building situated at the entrance to campus.

- MOC and Wake Technical Community College signed a partnership agreement to enhance and expand options for community college students. The Mount Olive College Advantage (MOCA) allows associate degree graduates from Wake Tech to transfer seamlessly into the full range of bachelor degree programs at any MOC location.
- MOC students started an e-publication dubbed "The Trojan Times." The online news source allows students the opportunity to utilize their creative talents and build their portfolios. Check it out at www.thetrojantimes.com.
- MOC took its motto of "Transforming Lives" to heart as employees from all six of the College's locations participated in Habitat for Humanity building projects during the fall of 2008. The Mount Olive location had volunteers lined up for 19 weeks straight to construct a house for one of its students. Ribbon was cut on the house and the family moved in during February 2009.
- Six MOC students were among the 670+ from around the nation attending the Presidential Inauguration Seminars in Washington, DC from January 10-21. The students were nominated through their departments and schools.
- October 2008 marked the start of Fitness by Design (FBD), a regionally focused program developed by MOC that targets low income families from Wayne, Duplin and Sampson Counties that are at a high risk for obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. FBD is funded by a \$280,629 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and a \$60,000 grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation.
- Progress has been steady in the construction of the new residential housing facilities. Once completed, the three-story structures will feature single occupancy rooms with semi-private bathrooms and a living room and kitchenette for each four-person grouping. The enclosed courtyard will contain a common room for use by all residents. It is expected that the entire project will be completed in time for students to move in for the fall 2009 semester. The residential housing project is being made possible by a \$3.5 million gift from Otha Herring.
- In April, MOC at New Bern will move about a mile down Trent Road. The move will increase the location's space from 6,000 to 14,000 square feet allowing MOC New Bern to better serve its growing student population in and around Craven County. The new space will have nine classrooms, including a computer lab; additional office and storage space; and a reception area. The move is the first phase in the College's expansion plan for New Bern which could eventually include building a free-standing campus.
- In building on the momentum of the 2008 national baseball championship, MOC, with the support of many friends and donors, completed the first phase in the baseball complex improvement project. The larger, slightly recessed dugouts accommodate more players and provide better sight lines for players and fans. The dugouts include an enclosed storage room on the visitor side and a bathroom on the home side. Funding is still being sought for Phase 2 which would create stadium-style spectator seating with elevated seating that will accommodate 50 chair back seats and 400 bleacher seats. Phase 3 will encompass a family pavilion complete with picnic shelter and playground equipment along the right field line.
- Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church contributed \$100,000 to the College in honor of their 30-year pastor, the Reverend Gary R. Bailey. Conference Room A in W. Burkette and Rose M. Raper Hall will be dedicated in Bailey's honor.
- Conference Room C located on the second floor of Raper Hall will now carry the name Hawkins Conference Room in honor and recognition of the \$50,000 gift given by Carroll and Elinor Hawkins. Carroll Hawkins is a longtime member of the College's Board of Trustees.

2007-2008 Total Gift Support for All Purposes

The College gratefully acknowledges gift support from 3,691 donors during the 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008). The list below reports total support for all purposes from the following constituents.

\$282,746	FWB Churches and church-related organizations (In addition, the College received \$1,182,781 from individual FWBs in some of the categories below for a total of \$1,465,527.)
1,391,456	Individuals
359,662	Foundations
230,906	Personnel
81,217	Trustees
271,009	Alumni
426,156	Corporations
\$3,043,152	<i>Total Gift Support for 2007-08</i>

Opportunities Fund:

\$145,785	Gifts received for the Opportunities Fund (A fund designed to enable the College to provide scholarships through direct contributions.)
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W. Burkette and Rose M. Raper Hall

\$464,509	Gifts and Pledges received as of February 12, 2008 in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Raper for The W. Burkette and Rose M. Raper Hall.
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Endowed Funds (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008)

New endowed funds established:

The Norman and Margaret Ard Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Lois G. Britt Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Willie Kenneth and Joyce Starling Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Thomas H. "Tommy" and Francine Elks Cooke Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Fagg-Barefoot Endowed Fund For The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection
The Ruby Jernigan and Perry Grady Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Opey Dew and Jenny J. Jeanes Endowed Scholarship Fund
The John Arthur Kluttz II Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Barbara Ross Kornegay Endowed Scholarship Fund
The "Make A Difference" Agricultural Endowed Scholarship Fund
The William Dallas and Verena M. Paul Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Reece Richardson Endowed Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund
The Carol and Richard Stevens Endowed Scholarship Fund

Endowed Funds that reached \$10,000:

The Willard and Mary Barbour Barefoot Endowed Library Fund
The Lois G. Britt Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Mary Hill Denning Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Earl Hollis and Marie Gilbert Glenn Endowed Scholarship Fund
The E. Lee and Vernice G. Jones Endowed Fund for Church Music
The E. Lee and Vernice G. Jones Endowed Library Fund for The Free Will Baptist
Historical Collection
The Barbara Ross Kornegay Endowed Scholarship Fund
The Reece Leighton Richardson Memorial Endowed Athletic Scholarship Fund
The Reverend Robert Nelson and Hilda Mae Price Rollins Endowed Ministerial
Scholarship Fund
The Southeastern NC Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America Scholarship
Fund
The Kathleen B. and William L. Warren Endowed Music Scholarship Fund
The Lucille R. and Glenn H. Weldon Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

Annual College Dinners

In 1963 the College began an annual fund campaign in the Free Will Baptist Church which has become known over the years as “the dinners.” Gifts are received at 18 county-wide dinners which are held in eastern North Carolina where the majority of the churches are located. These dinners not only create a way for the Church to contribute to the College, but they also help to maintain a close relationship between the College and the Church.

The FWB Church has nurtured the College and supported it from its beginning in 1951. Since the dinners began the Church has made contributions of over \$11.1 million to this program alone. In the midst of an economic decline, the Church affirmed its commitment to the ministry of the College by contributing \$540,427 at the 2008 dinners. Total dinner gifts exceeded the initial goal of \$536,000 by \$4,427. Throughout the 2008 dinners 2,131 people gave unrestricted gifts of \$100 or more, which classified them as Bridge Builders. Through the prayers, support, and encouragement of the FWB Church, Mount Olive College is making a remarkable difference and helping to transform the lives of its students.

“It is a joy to work with more than 300 volunteers who genuinely care about the ministry of Mount Olive College. The relationship the College shares with the Free Will Baptist Church is essential to the Christian mission of this college. Adding the support given at the dinners, the Church gives more than \$1 million annually to the College. This is more about relationship than monetary resources.”

Jean F. Ackiss, Director of Church Support

2009 Bridge Builders Appreciation Dinner

The annual Bridge Builders Appreciation Dinner will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lois K. Murphy Regional Center. This dinner expresses appreciation to the 2,131 persons who were Bridge Builders at the 2008 dinners. This event provides opportunity for our donors to see the product they are supporting. Students serve as hosts at the dinner, and the highlight of the event will be a program of sacred music provided by the Mount Olive College Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Gregg Cannady and Free Spirit under the direction of Dr. Alan Armstrong.

Planned Giving

Even in the current economy there is a way to earn an attractive rate of return that is guaranteed for life and much of the income is tax free. A Charitable Gift Annuity offers:

- An annual income rate that is fixed and cannot be changed
- A guaranteed income for the remainder of your life
- Much of your income is tax-free, making your effective income rate even higher
- An immediate income tax charitable deduction
- And, a way to establish a legacy in Christian higher education by creating or adding to an endowment in your name.

For example, a 70-year-old individual receives 6% annual rate of income, 72% of which is tax-free, and an income tax charitable deduction equal to 32%.

Gift Amount	\$10,000	Payout Rate	6%
Charitable Deduction	\$3,265	Annual Income	\$600
		Tax-Free Portion	\$434
		Ordinary Income	\$166

Have you ever wondered . . .

Which assets are best left to my family?

Which assets are best left to my favorite charity?

Jeff Daughtry in the Office of Planned Giving is available to meet with you individually or with a group in a Church setting to answer these and other questions and to discuss financial and estate planning. All personal discussions are confidential. Please contact him at (919) 658-7831 or jdaughtry@moc.edu.

Even in the current economy Mount Olive College is worthy of your support!

Mount Olive College Alumni

Whether students attended MOC for one or two classes, received a one-year business or secretarial certificate, a two-year degree, transferred in or received a four-year degree while attending Mount Olive, SJAFB, New Bern, Wilmington, RTP or Washington, these attendees are part of the Mount Olive College Alumni Association. Mount Olive College is proud of its alumni as they are found working all over the world, making a difference in the communities where they serve.

During the 2007-08 fiscal year, 710 alumni gave \$321,532.77 in gifts. Our average alumni gift was \$452.86. The class of 1958 contributed the largest amount; the class of 1956 captured the highest percentage of givers and the class of 1967 had the most alumni donors with the class of 1981 bringing in a close second. Mount Olive nontraditional alumni led

the locations in total giving with New Bern coming in second. Cohort #3 from Mount Olive was the overall cohort leader with RTP Cohort #13 coming in second. Since 1996, MOC alumni have given \$2,929,992.02 back to their alma mater.

The Alumni Board is made up of 39 members with 59% having FWB ties. Carolyn Fader Hill '64, whose father was a FWB minister, follows in his footsteps of support in every way toward MOC. In her second term as alumni president she has challenged all alumni to step up, making sure that Mount Olive College is more visible and more supported than ever before. This group has been instrumental in new ideas for building the enrollment as well as the endowment of the College; the board is currently in a five year pledge of support for the Archives Room of the College. The Alumni Board is "Working for God with Earnestness" in its varied efforts for the continued development of the College.

Alumni provide a real life example of how an education at Mount Olive College can make a difference in one's own life. Alumni continue to spread this tradition of excellence and the good news of how MOC transforms lives.

***"Leading into the Future" Alumni Weekend 2009
is set for November 20-22; mark your calendar now.***

The Mount Olive College Society:

Central in the Effort to

"Transform Education and Transform Lives"

The past few months of economic turmoil have created anxiety and hardship for most if not all.

When times are tough an institution gets a unique perspective on the commitment of its friends. Mount Olive College knows, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that its friends are deeply committed to the mission of transforming lives through Christian higher education. Even in uncertain times donors to this College have not wavered in their support. On behalf of our students we say a simple yet sincere "Thank you!"

Giving to the College through the first six months of the '08-'09 fiscal year is running slightly ahead of the previous year. The reason is simple. You have chosen to invest your financial gifts in the lives of students. The majority of MOC Society members have been giving to this College for ten or more years. Through good times and difficult times you have remained loyal to the students of Mount Olive College.

Membership in the Mount Olive College Society continues to increase as well. From the 288 members at the inception of the Society in March 2007, we are now pleased to report 511 members at present and we are on track to increase membership by 10% over last year's total.

We thank God that with the blessings you have received, you have chosen to bless others.

Advancing the Mission of the Church

Serving the Original Free Will Baptist Church with Earnestness

Education for Ministry

The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists established Mount Olive College to meet the educational needs of our Church, especially in reference to the education of ministers. To this day, there is still no greater need facing our denomination than for ministers who have been equipped for effective service and leadership for our churches. Within the context of a liberal arts education, Mount Olive College provides a rigorous ministerial education program which includes the classic theological disciplines (Bible, Church History, Theology, Practical studies). While many colleges offer similar classes, the unique feature of Mount Olive's program is the focus on Spiritual Formation. Our goal is not just ministers with intellectual skills; our goal is the education of ministers with a passion for Christ and a commitment to serving God's people.

The Religion Department provides two formats to meet the needs of our students. We offer traditional day classes at our Mount Olive location and the Modular Religion Major (MRM) at night at our Mount Olive, Washington, and New Bern locations. It would be wonderful if everyone called to the ministry were able to quit their jobs, not have to worry about supporting their families, and attend day classes full time. Most adult students, however, do not have that luxury. Our Modular Religion Major gives ministers access to a quality program at night which allows these persons to maintain their jobs while pursuing their education.

There has been a decided trend in recent years for more of our religion graduates to continue their education in seminary or divinity school. We are absolutely committed to ensuring that our graduates are prepared to succeed in good seminary programs. The Reverend Marc Boswell, MOC class of 2006 and Union Theological Seminary class of 2009, shares: "Entering the Modular Religion program as a twenty year old gave me the opportunity to be in class with second-career students who had already spent several years in ministry. Their experience in parish ministry, combined with our faculty's expertise and wisdom in practical theology, provided a profound combination of classical Christian scholarship with the lived concerns of parish ministry. This dual focus on scholarship and practical application at MOC has been a constant reminder during my graduate studies that the scholarly work I am doing is informed by the life of the church and done for the life of the church."

Making Education Affordable

Licensed and ordained OFWB ministers attending the traditional program are eligible to receive a grant package that covers 90% of their tuition. Ministers enrolled in the MRM program receive a grant of \$1,500 and can apply for other forms of state and federal tuition assistance.

The College continues to offer the Free Will Baptist Tuition Grant (\$2,500 per year for full-time students) to members of convention churches attending traditional classes in Mount Olive. With a broad scholarship program (academic, athletic, music, and other scholarships) as well as access to state and federal grant programs, Mount Olive College is committed to providing opportunity to all those who desire the advantage of Christian higher education.

Services to Our Students

Even though most Mount Olive students major in something other than religion, these students have chosen to be part of a college community which embraces a Christian perspective. Our mission statement is clear: "To maintain and support academic excellence through higher learning and higher values in a community made up of persons dedicated to the practice and advancement of Biblically based Christian ideals and Christ centered living in all aspects of life." Irrespective of the program of study, this Christian mission applies to all we do.

Campus ministry continues to provide a series of services geared primarily for our traditional students.

- Chapel worship services each Tuesday morning for the College community
- "The Big Coffee" – a combination fellowship-outreach opportunity that meets at "8:31" each Wednesday evening.
- "Route 7 Ministries" which sponsors student led worship each Thursday evening and sponsored a Student Revival in January under the big tent provided by our Home Missions and Evangelism ministry
- Several men's and women's Bible Study groups

Other Services to the Church

In addition to programs for our students, the College provides other services to our churches.

- Pulpit Supply: Our faculty, staff, and ministerial students enjoy the opportunity to help your church if your pastor happens to be away.
- Workshops: We can help your church with workshops on a variety of topics such as Church Growth, Personal Evangelism, Deacon Training Seminars, Starting New Sunday School Classes, How to Study the Bible, The User Friendly Church, The Work of the Pastor Search Committee, Responsibilities of Church Officers, Introduction to the Gospels, Introduction to Islam, and Introduction to Christian Beliefs.
- The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection: Housed in an expanded section of Moye Library, this collection is the largest and most important gathering of historical material on the history of Free Will Baptists in existence. We urge you to visit the collection to learn of your church heritage. We also encourage you to provide copies of important church bulletins (Homecomings, ordination services, building dedications) as well as copies of church minutes.

For additional information on these and other services, contact Dr. David Hines at the College.

Recommendations to the 2009 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

1. That the Convention officially adopt the March 6, 2009 report of Mount Olive College;
2. That the Convention continue to designate February and July as Christian Education months and that Sunday schools and churches be encouraged to designate Fifth Sundays as scholarship days for the benefit of Free Will Baptist students attending Mount Olive College;
3. That the Convention ask Original Free Will Baptists to pray faithfully for the evolving leadership of the College, and that those who lead and serve Mount Olive College will work earnestly as God's agents for the transformation of women and men;
4. That the Convention rally the churches to encourage their members to consider Mount Olive College as their choice for higher education in the location and the program that will best serve their needs. The 2009 fall semester begins on August 19. Contact Tim Woodard at twoodard@moc.edu for a tour or specific program information;
5. That the Convention recommend to the churches the following minimum support for Mount Olive College:

Annual Fund Budget	\$ 700,000
Scholarships and Grants	250,000
Library Development and FWB Historical Collection	50,000
 Total Requested for Operating Support	 \$ 1,000,000

C. Darrell Horne, Chair, Board of Trustees
J. William Byrd, President

Mount Olive College, Inc. and Affiliate
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Audited)
as of June 30, 2008

Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,699,025
Accounts Receivable, net allowance for doubtful accounts	5,161,989
Contributions receivable, net	2,787,023
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,846,340
Investments	14,139,013
Funds held in trust by others	7,791,066
Land, buildings and equipment, net of depreciation	25,607,224
Total assets	<u><u>\$62,031,680</u></u>

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$2,557,575
Credit lines payable	4,500,000
Deposits	210,380
Deferred revenues	1,926,954
Refundable advances	347,915
Long term debt	26,938,524
Obligations under split-interest agreements	1,189,595
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$37,670,943</u></u>

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$2,659,980
Temporarily restricted	5,808,512
Permanently restricted	17,765,493
Excess of revenues under expenses	-1,873,248
Total net assets	<u><u>\$24,360,737</u></u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$62,031,680</u></u>

This financial report was prepared by Management. A copy of the FY08 audit prepared by McGladrey & Pullen, LLP has been forwarded to the Executive Committee. That report contains the consolidated financial statements of the College and the Foundation. The budget information presented above however, is for College unrestricted (operations) only.

Management's comments:

FY08 was a difficult year. It should be no surprise that the falling stock market impacted our investments; it caused \$1,862k of our loss. Thankfully this was partially offset by \$1,027k of gifts to endowment. Another \$404k of the loss was due to the amount of interest paid by the Foundation in the first years of the USDA loan, combined with essentially straight line depreciation. This was planned, and will reverse as the principal portion of the debt service exceeds the interest portion in the second half of the 40 year USDA loan. The

Mount Olive College, Inc. and Affiliate

Statements of Activities

	College only Unrestricted FY08 budget	Consolidated Audit FY08	College only Unrestricted FY09 budget
Revenues, gains and other support:			
Tuition and fees	\$28,157,475	\$25,060,915	\$29,778,399
Contributions-FWB Churches/Individuals	1,000,000	1,465,527	1,000,000
Contributions-Others	8,603,656	9,589,272	11,693,869
Investment income on endowment	431,500	714,932	309,000
Other income	217,750	607,496	543,000
Net realized and unrealized gains			
(losses) on investments	0	-1,862,114	0
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	3,977,513	3,803,877	2,186,813
Total revenues and gains	<u>\$42,387,894</u>	<u>\$39,379,905</u>	<u>\$45,511,081</u>
Expenses and losses:			
Educational and general:			
Instruction	\$7,557,154	\$8,779,425	\$7,599,605
Academic support	5,454,164	5,053,031	6,019,668
Student services	2,820,420	4,810,972	3,235,191
Institutional support	9,045,893	5,517,676	9,634,205
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,651,240	3,039,180	3,164,053
Scholarships and fellowships	10,729,000	10,559,314	13,679,500
Total educational and general expenses	<u>\$38,257,871</u>	<u>\$37,759,598</u>	<u>\$43,332,222</u>
Auxiliary enterprises	<u>\$3,196,539</u>	<u>\$3,493,555</u>	<u>\$1,578,676</u>
Total expenses and losses	<u>\$41,454,410</u>	<u>\$41,253,153</u>	<u>\$44,910,898</u>
Increase, (decrease) in net assets from operations	<u>\$933,484</u>	<u>-\$1,873,248</u>	<u>\$600,183</u>
Net assets at beginning of year		<u>\$26,233,985</u>	
Net assets at end of year		<u><u>\$24,360,737</u></u>	

remaining component of our \$1,873k loss for the year was a loss of \$634k from operations. Our financial performance is enrollment driven. We budgeted a 14.6% increase for FY08, but we were only able to achieve a 1% increase. The resulting revenue shortfall caused the operational component of our overall loss.

- Wilbur M. Alling, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer

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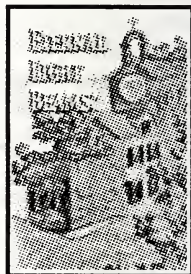
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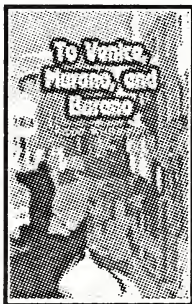
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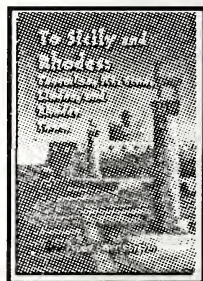
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WHEN WE PURCHASE OUR CHRISTIAN NEEDS FROM BIG BOX STORES, DO WE REALLY KNOW WHERE THE PROFITS ARE GOING AND HOW THEY WILL BE USED? WE COULD BE HELPING TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO OUR BELIEFS. AS AN EXAMPLE, WE HAVE ALL SEEN MANY STORES DROPPING THE WORD "CHRISTMAS" AND REPLACING IT WITH "HOLIDAY" SO THEY WILL NOT OFFEND OTHER RELIGIONS.

WE ARE ALSO SEEING THROUGHOUT OUR NATION CHRISTIANS BEING RIDICULED AND VERBALLY ATTACKED FOR ACCEPTING THE SAVING GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST. WE MUST STAND TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS, SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND SPREAD THE WORD OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST AS NEVER BEFORE.

TODAY MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TO SUPPORT A NEW PHILOSOPHY "CHRISTIANS SUPPORTING CHRISTIANS". I TRULY BELIEVE THAT IF WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER WE WILL BE BETTER UNIFIED AND BETTER EQUIPPED TO PRESS FORWARD.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO DO ALL THAT IS REQUIRED OF US BY OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN A MANNER PLEASING TO HIM.

CLIFF GRAY
PRESIDENT



Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

Statement of Net Income

Year ending June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 35,635
Accounts receivable	67,926
Inventories at lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market	952,433
Prepaid expenses	5,191
Prepaid NC Income Taxes	-0-
Estimated Refund INC Tax	-0-
- Total Current Assets -	1,061,185

Plant, Property, and Equipment

Fixed Assets	976,430
Less accumulated depreciation	776,239
Plant, Property, and Equipment—Net	200,191

Other Assets

Securities—at cost	9,474
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Total Assets

\$1,270,850

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Notes payable—current portion	\$ 7,283
Accounts payable	91,839
Income taxes payable	-0-
Accrued taxes	4,591
- Total Current Liabilities -	103,713

Long-Term Debt

	177,801
- Total Current Liabilities -	281,514

Memberships' Equity

Membership certificates	
1,011 @ \$10	10,110
1,370 @ \$25	34,250
Additional paid in capital	55,517
Retained earnings	889,459
- Total Memberships' Equity -	989,336

Total Liabilities And Memberships' Equity

\$1,270,850

Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

Statement of Net Income

Year ending June 30, 2008

Revenue

Merchandise
Literature
Subscriptions
Job Work
Other Revenues

Total Revenue

Cost and Expenses

Cost of Sales
Selling and Advertising Expense
Interest Expense
Depreciation
Employee Benefits

Total Cost and Expenses

Income Before Income Taxes

Income Tax Expense

Net Income (Loss)

2007 Budget

\$ 450,000
735,000
33,000
185,000
80,000

1,483,000

870,000
490,000
26,000
20,000
59,000

1,465,000

18,000

Actual

\$ 416,321
714,229
29,831
215,174
115,144

1,490,699

880,525
486,431
27,306
38,916
53,098

1,486,276

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2008 Budget

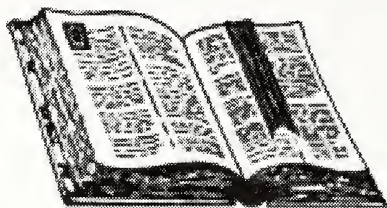
\$ 425,000
728,000
33,000
180,000
80,000

1,446,000

860,000
465,000
25,000
21,000
58,000

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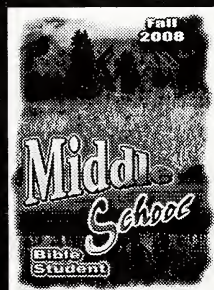
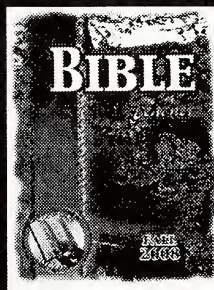
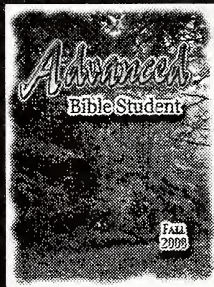
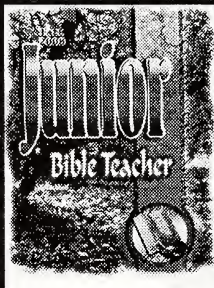
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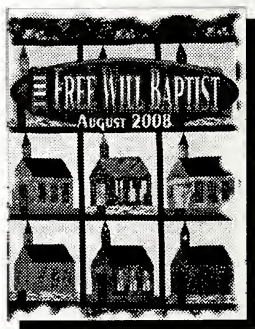
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Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc

Annual Report to the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

**Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.**

Proverbs 3:27

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus.

Many thanks go out to all the churches and individuals who have so graciously supported this ministry over the past year. Through the contributions that have been received, The Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes Ministry is alive and well. We continue to operate debt free and have not had to turn any applicants down who sought our help. The Board of Directors, staff, and our clients are indebted to everyone who sees the need of others and is willing to help. As our motto says, "People Helping People in Jesus' Name," is what this ministry is all about.

Goal for 2009: To make available assistance to all our people who may need it.

We make the following recommendations to our Convention:

- 1- That January continue to be designated as Retirement Homes Month.
- 2- That Sunday, January 17, 2010, be designated Retirement Homes Sunday.
- 3- That our churches invite the Executive Director to visit and share the program and needs of Retirement Homes Ministry and its clients. Call the Executive Director at the Headquarters (252) 746-4963 or on cell (910) 330-3818.
- 4- That our Convention and our churches endorse and support our proposed budget and pray for this ministry and its clients.

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Disability Equipment Availability Program

We provide necessary equipment for people with short-term or long-term physical disabilities. We have hospital beds, wheelchairs, recliner / lift-chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, etc. Contact us to see if we can help meet the need of your situation.

Also, we will accept a donation of equipment or funds to purchase new equipment.

If you know of anyone who has disability equipment please encourage them to contact Retirement Homes to see if it could be used in our program. Also, if you or your church group would like to purchase an item of equipment please contact us. We have a source for purchasing equipment at very good prices.

***PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY,
ESPECIALLY OUR CLIENTS AND OUR STAFF***

Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

BB&T

26,268.01

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34,805.22

Total Checking/Savings

61,073.23

Other Current Assets

Burress Endowment

306.80

Church Finance Reserve Account

20,336.29

Total Other Current Assets

20,643.09

Total Current Assets

81,716.32

Fixed Assets

Duplex

80,000.00

Office Equipment

19,489.24

Office Furniture

3,455.78

Power Street Storage Building

105,000.00

Total Fixed Assets

207,945.02

TOTAL ASSETS

289,661.34

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

264.00

Payroll Liabilities

264.00

Total Current Liabilities

Equity

Opening Bal Equity

216,697.16

Retained Earnings

75,671.59

Net Income

-2,971.41

Total Equity

289,397.34

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

289,661.34

Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc.
Budget Statement

INCOME	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
Church Contributions	\$79,000.00	\$82,339.20	\$79,000.00
Individual Contributions	3,300.00	4,844.39	3,500.00
Interest	1,000.00	1,746.65	1,500.00
Miscellaneous + (Youth Project)	5,100.00	6,803.12	100.00
Refunds	200.00	27.10	200.00
Residents Contributions	7,200.00	7,354.00	4,800.00
Storage Reimbursement	200.00	225.00	200.00
Total Income	\$96,000.00	<u>103,339.46</u>	<u>\$89,300.00</u>
Difference		+\$7,339.46	-\$6,700.00
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Accounting / Legal	700.00	959.00	700.00
Bank Charges	50.00	0.00	50.00
Board Meetings & Expense	400.00	162.87	400.00
Convention Expense	500.00	162.87	500.00
Copier/copies	100.00	31.59	100.00
Expansion	500.00	0.00	500.00
Gifts	1,100.00	1,285.00	975.00
Insurance	1,200.00	1,547.68	1,600.00
Memorials	100.00	0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	750.00	1,529.76	750.00
Office Rent & Service Fee	3,170.00	3,168.00	3,170.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,500.00	3,227.97	2,500.00
Placement Services	9,000.00	8,008.00	9,000.00
Postage	600.00	332.34	600.00
Promotional Materials	1,000.00	563.35	1,000.00
Property Taxes	1,105.00	1,081.92	1,105.00
Repairs / Maintenance	10,000.00	8,978.85	2,000.00
Resident Utilities	8,000.00	6,952.85	8,000.00
Salaries and Benefits	29,525.00	30,137.50	26,400.00
Social Security & W/H Taxes	2,800.00	2,305.47	2,600.00
Supplemental Housing			
-Support Program	19,600.00	20,400.00	23,700.00
Supplemental Support Services	200.00	30.79	200.00
Telephone Service (fax & internet)	700.00	590.67	700.00
Travel	1,000.00	882.73	2,000.00
Workshops & seminars	500.00	345.17	500.00
Utilities/Power Street Building	<u>900.00</u>	<u>594.31</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Total Operating Expense	\$96,000.00	<u>\$93,239.64</u>	<u>\$89,300.00</u>
Difference		-\$2,760.36	-\$6,700.00

The financial report was prepared by management and a copy of the Annual Compilation will be forwarded to the Executive Committee when completed.

Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board

Convention Report May 2009



Greetings from the members of the Sunday School Board to the officers, delegates, ministers and visitors to the 2009 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists!

Interest in the growth of our churches through the Sunday School is expanding each week as churches get involved in programs and efforts to understand that the church is a 'needs meeting station'. The small groups of the Sunday School is a perfect place to train people in the implementation of evangelism through spreading the Word. Our resources are being tapped as never before. Are we utilizing our Sunday School hour for evangelism? If not, why not?

On March 6-7, 2009, approximately 400 young people and adults gathered at Mt. Olive College for the 68th Annual Spring Institute. Dr. David Rendall conducted a seminar on Effective Leadership on March 6 and was quite informative. Over 45 workshops were offered at the Institute for help in growing our churches. Customized assistance is offered to assess the local church's Christian Education efforts.

At the Annual Sunday School Institute, the 2009 Sunday School Teacher of the Year award was presented to Ms. Pat Taylor of Whaley's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, Richlands, NC. The Sunday School Superintendent of the Year was Mr. Jerry Barbour of Johnston Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC. Each winner received a check for \$1,500 to enhance their role in their local church. Our thanks go to Dr. Thomas R. Morris for his belief in sharing the love of God with others through the Original Free Will Baptist denomination by funding these awards each year.

Whaley's Chapel OFWB Church, Richlands, NC was spotlighted at the Institute for the church's commitment to church growth through learning and service. The pastor is the Reverend Ronnie Taylor. We will be spotlighting a church each year at the Institute in order for us to share in the excitement felt in our various churches.

The Sunday School Board funded 55 camp scholarships in the '*Kids to Camp*' program thanks to the generosity of many different individuals and organizations. There were 15 folks who attended the minister's wives and / or widows Spiritual Life Retreat. This included "*Sisters*" and workers. "*The Cinderella Sisters*" Support Group has been formed to help wives and widows. Invite the Director to come to your church to share these particular programs since they are expanding rapidly. A highlight of the year has been the hiring of an Assistant to the Director, Mrs. Gail Heath, wife of the Reverend Tim Heath. She is adding much to the ministry .

The Board wishes to thank each of you for your prayers, thoughtful letters offering suggestions for growth and your gracious monetary contributions. Again, we pledge to do our best to spread the message of Jesus Christ and to be faithful stewards of your care, concern and contributions. If you wish to have a seminar, workshop, study course or revival services devoted to Sunday School or Christian Education at your church, union, conference, youth meeting or auxiliary, please contact Mary Dudley at (252) 568 - 3311(home), (252) 559-3327 (cell) or (252) 746-4963 (work).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this report to the Convention be adopted and thereby support the 2009 budget;
2. That the Convention continue to designate February as Sunday School Month with February 28, 2010 being set aside as Sunday School Rally Day in all OFWB churches;
3. That the Convention encourage each church to include the Sunday School Board Ministry's work in their budgets and continue to pray for its work as it expands.

Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board Statement of Commitment

Mission Statement: The mission of the Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board is to assist churches in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable people to go, teach and make disciples in each of our communities.

Vision Statement: The vision of the Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board is to maintain its commitment to teaching and learning for everyone while remaining true to the belief that the message of salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

We believe we will maintain this commitment by:

- promoting the overall improvement and growth of the local Sunday schools,
- providing a qualified resource person or team of persons to facilitate appropriate learning opportunities for the church and other organizations,
- promoting and / or developing practical teaching and learning materials that will enable people to understand the need to balance the study of the scriptures while building relationships and evangelism,
- sponsoring workshops / seminars to promote and enhance Christian education,
- continuously praying and searching for strategies to equip people to respond to God's call according to each individual's unique gift,
- adhering to the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

1. **2009 Leadership Banquet—May 20, 2009 at Mt. Olive College with Brother Keith Kenemer being the featured speaker.**
2. **Saturday, March 6, 2010 - 69th Annual Institute at Mt. Olive College**
3. **Regional Training Opportunities in three different locations**
4. **Contributions and/or requests for information or materials can be sent to:
OFWB Sunday School Board or Mary Dudley
P.O. Box 39 1770 Will Cunningham Road
Ayden, N. C. 28513 Deep Run, N. C. 28525**
5. **Eastern NC Christian Education Conference - Coastal MACEA - New Bern, NC, August 7 - 8, 2009. Mailing to go out in June, 2009**
6. **Ministers' Wives Spiritual Life Retreat - Cragmont Assembly
Date: January 28 - 31, 2010.**
7. **Make all checks payable to OFWB Sunday School Board.**
8. **Web address: www.ofwbsundayschool.org
director@ofwbsundayschool.org**

This report is submitted on behalf of the Original Free Will Baptist
Sunday School Board.

Mary Dudley, Executive Director and Treasurer

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Mrs. Nancy Cale

Mrs. Brenda Best, Assistant Secretary

The Reverend Mike Williams

Mr. Heath Conner

The Reverend Bruce Jones

Mr. Wayne Hicks

Original Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board Ministry

Budget Statement

January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed
INCOME			
Church Contributions	\$ 44,000.00	\$47,247.59	\$ 60,300.00
Individuals	3,500.00	3,432.32	3,500.00
Institute	3,700.00	3,934.00	3,700.00
Banquet	1,200.00	1,109.50	1,200.00
Seminars/Retreats	3,000.00	3,133.78	3,000.00
Union / Conference Contr.	3,500.00	2,913.01	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,100.00	562.00	1,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 60,000.00	\$62,332.20	\$ 76,300.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Youth Programs	\$10,000.00	\$ 8,549.74	\$ 10,000.00
Printing and Postage	8,000.00	6,174.25	8,000.00
Seminars and Conferences	2,800.00	2,962.09	2,800.00
Banquet and Institute	4,400.00	4,637.83	4,400.00
Board Travel	1,300.00	2,158.95	1,315.00
Administration	21,290.00	20,970.83	38,375.00
Resource Center	1,000.00	1,187.20	1,000.00
Office Expenses	9,160.00	8,212.15	9,160.00
Awards Program	250.00	247.30	250.00
Promotional Materials	1,000.00	912.83	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	4,448.53	-0-
Total Operating Expense	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,461.70	\$76,300.00

Beginning Cash	\$ 60,026.82
Income	62,332.20
Expenditures	60,461.70
Checkbook Balance	61,897.32
Savings Plus Interest	19,873.11
Southern Bank (5062556285)	3,400.32
Southern Bank (5062565894)	10,889.07
Church Finance	5,582.72
Total Financial Assets	81,770.43
Resource Center Inventory	13,693.61
Office Equipment	20,070.53
Gifts in Kind Through December 31, 2006	79,100.00
Sub - Total	\$ 194,634.57
Total Assets	\$ 194,634.57
Liabilities	none
Net Worth	\$194,634.57

[This financial statement was prepared by management and is unaudited.]

Sunday School Ministry

Five Year Goals

- † Continue the ongoing goals to assist in growing the church through the Sunday School program.
 - Continue the expansion of the Resource Library at the Headquarters to assist Christian Education workers
 - Continue to focus our attention on the Life on Loan journey with our churches to include small group ministries
 - Expand the current program of workshops and seminars
 - Expand the learning opportunities as feasible
 - Prepare study guides to encourage Biblical study
 - Update certification requirements for teachers and superintendents
 - Assist organizations in planning and implementing special events and retreats
 - Continue to assist churches in Christian Education assessment
 - Continue to expand the newsletter, TEACH, to include eTEACH
 - Work on the development of Prayer Journals for all ages
 - Offer a Nursery Procedures Manual to all churches
 - Assist churches in their awareness of the need to remove barriers for those people with disabilities
 - Update the Sunday School Handbook as needed
 - Continue the partnership with other ministries
 - FWB Press on the Liaison Literature Committee
 - Home Missions and Evangelism to help establish Sunday Schools in mission points
 - Home Missions and Evangelism to conduct VBS wherever it is needed
 - Advisory Board for the Barrow Family Endowed Fund for Christian Ministries at Mount Olive College
 - Cragmont Assembly and Camp Vandemere to establish conferences and retreats
- † Continue to co-sponsor the Coastal Satellite of the Mid-Atlantic Christian Education Association
- † Expand the Camp Scholarship Program
- † Continue to expand the Ministers' Wives and Widows Retreat

The Sunday School provides the Biblical foundation for our churches, so it behooves each of us to Work for God Effectively. We are reminded by Paul that we are to study to show ourselves approved. Therefore, let us all work together to build our churches on the foundation of Biblical study, fellowship and evangelism as we prepare ourselves to "Work for God with Earnestness" in the local communities and the world.



*Growth in Sunday
School equals growth
in the Church!*

Camp Vandemere, Inc. Report to the Annual Convention of OFWB
"O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth", Psalm 43:3a

Since last year's Annual Convention, many blessings have been realized at the camp through summer camp and weekend retreats hosted. The year 2009 is shaping up to be even better working toward the Ministry of our Lord. At the present time, we have scheduled eleven camp weeks, thirty-five plus weekend retreats and three fellowship events. Many supportive and dedicated camp directors and weekend facilitators have stepped up to the plate to help share the Word with God's people down alongside the Bay River. Many thanks go out to these who allow the camp to host their time of learning and renewal.

Hopefully, at the time of this convention, the camp will have secured an Executive Director to handle the overall operation of the camp. Be much in prayer for the board's vision to allow the camp to grow in God's Will. He has helped to lead the camp out of debt in 2008 and we look forward to the many opportunities He will allow in 2009 to further His Kingdom through our ministry.

If it has been a while since you have been down to the camp, many improvements have been realized. One project completed is where a young gentleman from Juniper Chapel OFWB Church, Matthew Manning, completed his Eagle Scout project. He and others built a rack for the paddle boats and a locker area for the life jackets. Another is the moving, blocking and renovations completed on the manager's residence. Endeavors like these help to keep the camp in a progressive move toward the board's vision of meeting the needs of everyone that utilizes the camp's facilities and grounds.

Please refer to the Eastern Conference meeting minutes for further information about the camp during the past year.

Sincere thanks go out to everyone for their prayers and support of Camp Vandemere's ministry. If not for you, the camp would not be able to continue the work that is at hand.

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*last years
report*

REPORT OF CAROLINA BIBLE INSTITUTE & SEMINARY TO THE 2008 CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Greetings from the entire Board of Trustees, the staff, and the student body of Carolina Bible Institute and Seminary to the officers, delegates, and Churches of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and its member conferences and associations. It is a great joy and privilege to share in this convention and make this report.

We continue to be amazed at the ways in which our Lord continues to use and to bless Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary and we continue to praise Him for His many blessings. Since our last convention we have experienced so many blessings from the Lord. Not that the months have been without their challenges, for surely there have been challenges. Through the wonderful marvels of modern technology we have been able to expand our resources by beginning to establish computer facilities for student usage in course work as well as for research purposes. Also, we have relocated and completely renovated our library facilities. We are currently developing a video recording and editing facility through which we will be able to expand our external studies programs. Our external studies programs continue to expand with students being added on a regular basis, to the extent that we now have almost as many students enrolled in external studies as in on-campus studies. In addition to the classes held on our campus in Pine Level, North Carolina, we are conducting classes in Momeyre and Fremont, North Carolina. This past February we offered for the second time the course, Holy Land Studies, on site in Israel. We had more ministers this course than the previous one with 27 tour members in all. It was a joy to watch the excitement of the tour members as the Scriptures "came alive" for them as we traveled the Land of the Bible. As you can see from this brief synopsis, God has blessed us tremendously with opportunities to minister His Word.

These were all blessings, but as mentioned, there were challenges. This past Fall our dear friend and beloved Board Chairman, Rev. Roy T. Clifton, after a brief illness, went to be with his Lord. Brother Clifton had been involved with Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary from its beginning. He served for many years as a member of the Board of Trustees and after Dr. Cherry's death, had served as its Chairman. Brother Clifton began teaching at the school in 1997 and had been a blessing to many students throughout those ensuing years. Brother Clifton is missed by all who knew him and we all thank God for the privilege of knowing him and serving God together. God has blessed us with a new Board Chairman – the Trustees have elected the Reverend Frank Flowers as the new Chairman. Brother Flowers has served Free Will Baptists for many years and has been a true friend to CBIS as well. We are thankful for his willingness to serve and look forward to his leadership in this ministry.

After making this synopsis of God's blessings and challenges upon CBIS, I feel it is important that I say a word about our philosophy for providing a training institution for Christian workers. It is our privilege and our responsibility to teach the Word of God as the Word of God - just as God gave it. It is not our desire to make a name for ourselves, but to magnify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not our desire to build a big institution, but to provide opportunities for "the equipping of the saints for

the work of ministry” for the big God, Whom we serve. From the very beginning, when Dr. Floyd B. Cherry founded Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary, it has been our desire to fulfill the call of God as expressed in 2 Timothy 2: 1, 2 – “*Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*” When I was a young minister and a student at CBIS, I had opportunity to attend a great convention. One of the speakers was the head of a growing Christian college. In his remarks, he made the statement that he longed for the day that his school would have the respect of the world. This, to me, was just the opposite of what a Christian school should be about. At CBIS, we are unconcerned with the world’s opinion, but we are gravely concerned with pleasing God. Our focus has always been to, first, please God by a strict obedience to His Word and second, to provide the educational opportunities for His people that would be faithful to a traditional, conservative approach to His Word. This is why our founding documents require all of the members of our Board of Trustees to be members in good standing of Free Will Baptist Churches. In addition, all of our teachers are Free Will Baptists. In this, we will always remain faithful to the “*faith once delivered unto the saints.*” The importance of a school is not its size, but its obedience to God’s Word. This we intend to do and trust Him to use us to accomplish “big” things for His glory.

Since our last Convention we have completed a summer session and two semesters of classes. Both of which were very successful. Not only from the standpoint of the number of students we had enrolled, but in the attitude of the students and the enthusiasm shared by the students and faculty in the study of God's Word. There is something wonderful about students who have a passion to learn and whose sole purpose for coming to school is to fulfill God's call upon their lives. And there is something wonderful about watching students as they study and grow in faith and grace through the teaching of God’s wonderful Word

God is beginning to open doors to new opportunities of ministry. We are so very excited about the possibility of some major advancements in our academic programs. With your prayers and support we are confident the Lord will use Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary to accomplish an ever greater service for His Kingdom than ever before. Please consider becoming a partner with this ministry in providing the finances to do this great work, either as individuals or with your Church including us in their budget. The Original Free Will Baptist Church is the work of God and the part that Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary has in that work will have a direct impact upon how God brings His plan to fruition. We need and ask for your help in this area.

Again, we would thank you for what you have done and are doing in connection with this ministry. Please pray regularly for the work of Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary and for God's specific direction, for our staff, and for our students. May God's wonderful grace be your greatest treasure.

Rudy Owens - President

CAROLINA BIBLE INSTITUTE & SEMINARY, INC.
BALANCE SHEET - 2006

		Assets	
Current Assets			
Petty Cash	\$	128.59	
Cash in Bank		<u>53,031.20</u>	
Total Current Assets			\$ 53,259.79
Property & Equipment			
Buildings		\$178,680.00	
Building Improvements		9,300.00	
Furniture & Fixtures		5,800.00	
Office Equipment		14,541.16	
Land		20,200.00	
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(122,798.00)</u>	
Total Property & Equipment			<u>105,722.18</u>
Total Assets	\$		<u>158,881.97</u>

Liabilities & Fund Balance

Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities	\$	<u>987.18</u>	
Total Current Liabilities			\$ 987.18
Fund Balance			
Fund balance		<u>157,894.79</u>	
Total Fund Balance			<u>157,894.79</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$		<u>186,028.71</u>

Budget for 2008

Property Maintenance:	\$	15,750.00
Operational:		24,200.00
Special Meetings:		4,850.00
Personnel:		59,820.00
Miscellaneous:		<u>10,380.00</u>
Totals:	\$	115,000.00
Projected Receipts		
Contribution from Free Will Baptist Churches	\$	70,000.00
Other receipts:		<u>45,000.00</u>
Totals:	\$	115,000.00

This financial report was prepared by Management and the Annual Compilation prepared by Dolores B. Bailey, CPA, PLLC Accounting.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

This Commission was launched by the Executive Committee last year by adopting the necessary changes to the Bylaws, which were then approved by the Convention in its 96th annual session. The current members of the commission were chosen by the Executive Committee with one member's term expiring each year over the next seven years.

The commission held its first meeting on January 22, 2009 and a second meeting was convened by the chair on February 16. (See the articles dealing with this commission, written by Dr. Michael Pelt and Dr. Burkette Raper, in the March issue of *The Free Will Baptist*.) The commission has examined its duties and responsibilities as described in the Bylaws, which are as follows:

1. To provide a medium of voluntary coordination of services by agencies within the Convention which address the equipping of those called to Christian ministry,
2. To provide a resource of information, publications, literature and other media, along with appropriate consultation relative to educational options, for those called to Christian ministry, including pastoral services, youth ministry, services to the elderly, church music, counseling, Christian education and other vocations, and
3. To provide appropriate conferences, workshops, and other learning opportunities that will foster excellence in Christian ministry.

One of its primary purposes is to use every means to encourage the educational development of all those who are called to some type of Christian ministry, including pastors and others whose gifts are used to advance the mission and ministries of the church. In our time those who serve as pastors and teachers are the key persons in this effort to "equip the saints for the work of ministry," which means that these persons must be able to instruct and nurture members of the church so that their faith will be confirmed and their duty to God and neighbor will be made perfectly clear. It is the earnest desire of this commission to help lift the educational level of both pulpit and pew so that together they can move forward and enable the churches to accomplish their mission and purpose.

If this is to happen, it will require that those who are called to pastoral ministry must seek the highest and best preparation for their work that is available to them. Just as other members of society are expected to meet certain educational requirements for their vocation, so likewise persons entering the church's ministry must be expected to adequately prepare themselves for this service. To this commission that means, first of all enrolling in college. A motion was approved at our meeting on February 16 that we encourage every person who feels called to enter the ministry, or those who are already licensed ministers, to enroll in college. Our own Mount Olive College would be the logical choice and every effort to explore this possibility should be made. But if this is not possible as a beginning, then there are many other colleges, public and private, in this state and elsewhere. We believe there is no substitute in the 21st century for beginning ones higher education than enrollment in a good college or university. If one is already a college graduate, then he can enroll in a divinity school or theological seminary. At present we have several ordained ministers who are doing advanced theological studies as preparation for ministry. We now have a special relationship with Campbell University

Divinity School whereby most students' tuition and fees are covered if they enroll for 6 or more hours of credit each semester. The N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries has pledged to help those who are willing to enroll in this and other theological schools.

In the 19th century we had few if any ministers who had enrolled in college, but that was no great loss to our church with its predominantly rural membership, who had very limited educational opportunities in that era. But we are now living in an entirely different educational and social environment in the 21st century and we cannot keep falling behind other churches in the educational level of our ministry without losing members and missing abundant opportunities to serve the region in which we are located as well as the people of our nation and the world. In the 19th century the Primitive Baptist churches in eastern North Carolina were a vibrant denomination, but they refused to acknowledge that changes were taking place and were led to reject such ideas as an educated ministry and Sunday schools and missions, based on their interpretation of the New Testament. Today we are facing far more changes than the churches in that period could have imagined.

The commission is also committed to encouraging both clergy and laity to be involved in continuing education. We have begun to compile a list of books and other media that are recommended to all who are engaged in Christian ministry to enrich their personal lives and to enhance their service to others. We will also call attention to special lectures, seminars, and programs that will benefit all who participate and we expect to plan some events of this nature in the future.

As the name of this commission suggests, our emphasis will be on education as a means of improving and advancing all that we seek to accomplish as Original Free Will Baptists. We challenge all who are familiar with our heritage, who love the church, and who believe in its future to join us in this important undertaking.

Commission Members: Dr. Michael Pelt, Chair, Rev. Rudy Owens, Dr. Deborah King, Mrs. Pam Braxton, Rev. Michael Bryan, Rev. Josh Whitfield, Dr. Tommy Benson

Original Free Will Baptist Christian Layman's League Worldwide 2009 Annual Report

Mr. President, Officers of the Convention, Ministers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I bring you greetings from the Convention Layman's League, Executive Committee and the Layman's League Board. We, the Laymen of the Original Free Will Baptist, have given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and have taken His Holy Word as written by the inspiration of God to further His Kingdom here on earth.

The Layman's League along with its Conference and local Church Leagues are on the move and getting involved in the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our foundation is built upon the following:

PURPOSE:

1. To bring men in the Original Free Will Baptist denomination together to promote fellowship and sharing.
2. To increase our knowledge and power in Jesus Christ.
3. To reach out and touch others for Christ.
4. To train and enhance our talents for the calling of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
5. To strengthen the fabric among all Original Free Will Baptist Laymen in our denomination to worship and serve God in unity. (I Corinthians 16:13)

GOAL:

To exalt Christ through the agencies which God in His providences has provided for the people making up the Original Free Will Baptist Church. (Matthew 22:37)

MOTTO:

'World-Wide Christian soldiers marching as to war, with the Cross and Flag of Jesus, going on before throughout the world'.

THIS YEAR'S EVENTS:

The Semi-Annual State Layman's League Convention was held on June 6, 2008 at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, N.C.

The Layman's League Spiritual Life Retreat was held at Camp Vandemere on June 7, 2008.

Theme: Being Salt and Light
Matthew 5: 13-16

Section 1: "The Salt of the Earth" was presented by Brother Ken Akers.

Section 2: "The Light of the World"" was presented by Brother Tim Copeland.

CHURCH'S RECEIVING CHARTERS:

Endowment Fund:

The Original Free Will Baptist Christian Layman's League Endowment at Mount Olive College was established on May 12, 1984. This endowment is used to support Original Free Will Baptist students studying Church Ministries. The Endowment Fund has a balance of \$16,027.29.

Original Free Will Baptist Christian Layman's League Board

2009

	Conference
Berry Medlin	Cape Fear
Michael Griffin	Central
Russell Tyson	Eastern
Otis Gatlin	Eastern

2010

William (Bill) Armitage	Central
Herman Tyson	Eastern
C. D. Landerth	Central
Roy Wetherington	Eastern

2011

Eugene Dixon	Eastern
John Newton	Central
Elmer Harrell	Central
Richard Daniels	Eastern

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance on Hand December 31, 2007	\$ 1602.12
Amount Received Year 2008	<u>\$ 2295.88</u>
Total to account for	\$ 3902.00
Expenses for year 2008	<u>(\$ 1659.31)</u>
Total on Hand December 31, 2008	\$ 2242.69

**THE NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDATION
FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

(Founded 2005)

Report to the Annual Session

CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

May 20, 21, 2009



MISSION

To provide scholarships that will enable those called to Christian ministry to equip themselves for excellence in fulfilling their calling;

To assist churches and ministries in establishing endowments for strengthening and expanding their work; and

To assist individuals and families in establishing endowments that will advance the Christian faith to future generations.

Helping Good People Do Good Things

PROFILE

The Foundation is a public charity to which individuals, churches and other organizations may make gifts for charitable, religious, educational and humanitarian purposes. Contributions are tax-deductible under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as allowed by law. **Through the Foundation, Original Free Will Baptists have a means, heretofore not available, to advance the work and mission of our church.**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Because of the critical shortage of pastors and other church-related personnel who are equipped for the quality of services our churches and ministries need, a priority of the Foundation is to provide educational opportunities for those who are called to Christian Ministry.

For scholarship purposes, the Foundation defines "Christian Ministry" as a vocation in an institution, organization or program that is under the auspices of the church, including all ministries of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Beginning with the fall semester of 2006, the Foundation has provided more that \$40,800.00 in scholarships for seventeen ministers.

Income to Scholarship Fund (Calendar Years 2006-2008)

I. Gifts

Individuals

Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Pelt	Dr. and Mrs. Don Ribeiro
Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper	Mrs. Judy H. Thaanum
The Reverend and Mrs. De Eakes	The Reverend Frank Harrison
The Reverend and Mrs. Ronnie Hobgood	

Total Individuals

\$10,000.00

Churches and Church-Related Bodies

Albemarle Conference	
Sound Side Church	\$ 1,000.00

Total	\$ 1,000.00
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Cape Fear Conference	
Cape Fear Conference	\$ 3,600.00
Robert's Grove Church	1,000.00
Hopewell Church	205.00
Lee's Chapel Church	<u>500.00</u>

Total	\$ 5,305.00
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Central Conference	
Central Conference	\$ 3,600.00
1 st FWB Church, Greenville	100.00
Black Jack Church	500.00
Pleasant Hill Church	100.00
LaGrange Church	1,000.00
Edgewood Church	200.00
Rose of Sharon Church	300.00
Saratoga Church	<u>97.26</u>

Total	\$ 5,897.26
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Eastern Conference	
Carteret Co. Union & SS Conv.	\$ 250.00
Mt. Zion Church (Onslow County)	500.00
Men's Fellowship—Mt Zion Church (Onslow County)	200.00
Bethlehem Church	2,000.00
Rooty Branch Church	4,000.00
Daly's Chapel Church	1,000.00
Crab Point Church	250.00
Northeast Church	300.00
1 st FWB Church, Warsaw	<u>100.00</u>

Total	\$ 8,600.00
Western Conference	
Western Conference	\$ 3,600.00
Holly Springs Church	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,800.00
Grand Total – Gifts	\$34,602.36
II. Endowment Income	
Casey-McCormack	\$ 1,024.74
Michael R. Pelt	951.16
Michael Rouse	578.24
Donnie E. and Linda Vann Lassiter	<u>10,137.87</u>
Total	<u>12,692.01</u>
Total Income to Scholarship Fund	\$47,294.27
Scholarships Awarded	<u>40,839.84</u>
Balance (Available for scholarship awards – Spring Semester 2009)	\$ 6,454.43

A Crisis In Ministry

Perhaps the most difficult task among Original Free Will Baptists today is to serve on a pastoral search committee. While we have some of the best prepared and most dedicated pastors in our history, there are not enough of them. The “Scholarship Fund For Christian Ministry” is addressed to this problem. Churches are encouraged to include this fund in their budget. Checks should be made to the “N. C. Foundation For Christian Ministry” and earmarked for “Scholarship Fund.”

Aubrey Williamson
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Benson, NC 27504
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December 8, 2008

North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries
Office of the Secretary-Treasurer
PO Box 485
Maury, NC 28554-0485

RE: Aubrey Williamson Scholarship Recipient Fall Semester 2008
Campbell University Divinity School

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share with you how much I enjoyed the first semester at Campbell Divinity School. I enrolled in two courses in the Fall 2008 semester, Div 1000, Introduction to Theological Education and Div 4070, Worship and Spiritual Formation. Both of these courses were very inspirational and I was able to gain very beneficial information to use in ministry. You should know that your gift made my attendance to the Divinity school at Campbell a reality. Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity. May God richly bless every one of you and Merry Christmas!!

Grace and peace,

Aubrey Williamson

ENDOWMENTS FOR CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES

For most donors, including those of the Christian faith, their support of their church and chosen charities stops when their heart stops. It does not have to be that way. Through a program of professionally managed endowed funds, the Foundation provides a means whereby our work can continue beyond our lifetime.

Endowments may be established for churches, ministries of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, scholarships for those called to Christian ministry and other charitable purposes. Through December 31, 2008 gifts totaling \$1,655,931.37 have been made to the Foundation for eighteen endowments.

Named Endowments

1. Casey-McCormack
 - For Casey's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church (Wayne County), and
 - For scholarships to students preparing for Christian ministry at Mount Olive College, or graduate theological study in seminaries or divinity schools accredited by Association of Theological Schools (ATS).
2. Mae Haddock—Established by Don Ribeiro, M.D., in memory of his mother, for the Youth Ministry of Ormondsville Original Free Will Baptist Church (Greene County).
3. Donnie E. and Linda Vann Lassiter Family—For scholarships to students in eastern North Carolina attending various colleges, universities and schools, including undergraduate liberal arts and Christian ministry at Mount Olive College; and graduate theological study in seminaries or divinity schools accredited by ATS.
4. William Widmire and Sarah Tart Lewis—For The Gideons International.

5. Michael R. Pelt—Established by friends and former students of Dr. Pelt in appreciation for his thirty-seven years as chair of the department of religion at Mount Olive College and for his continued services to Original Free Will Baptists. For the graduate education of ministers in seminaries and divinity schools accredited by ATS.
6. W. Burkette and Rose M. Raper Family—An endowment for Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church (Jones County) and other charitable purposes.
7. Walter and Evelyn F. Reynolds—For support of the work and ministry of Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church (Greene County), as determined by the church.
8. Michael Rouse Family—Scholarships for students preparing for Christian ministry at Mount Olive College, Campbell University, and seminaries or divinity schools accredited by ATS.
9. Silverthorne Family—For four beneficiaries:
 - Bethel Church (Pamlico County) for maintenance of church cemetery;
 - Camp Vandemere;
 - Free Will Baptist Children's Home, and
 - Mount Olive College Library, for the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

Endowments in Process

10. Blended Fellowship Mission—A Christian ministry to the deaf.
11. Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists—Scholarships for Central Conference ministers attending seminary or divinity school.

12. Gregory Fader—For charitable purposes to be announced.
13. Vivian B. Harrison—By Frank R. Harrison for the Vivian B. Harrison Memorial Endowment at Mount Olive College.
14. K. David and Teresa K. Hines—Scholarships for non-traditional students majoring in religion at any location of Mount Olive College.
15. William Cecil and Beulah D. Raper—Parents of Dr. W. Burkette Raper, the Reverend James Earl Raper, Mrs. Mary R. O'Donnell and the late Mrs. Catherine R. Davenport. For the Benevolent Fund of Little Rock Original Free Will Baptist Church, with special consideration for children.
16. Legacy—An endowment to which gifts may be made in honor or memory of persons. Gifts may later be transferred to named endowments.
17. Anonymous—For purposes yet to be announced.
18. Henry Smith, Jr. and Ernestine H. Forrest Endowment—For Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Gifts for Endowments through December 31, 2008 total
\$1,655,931.37

Heritage and Legacy

Our **Heritage** is what we have received from those who preceded us;

Our **Legacy** is what we leave for those who follow us.

Our **Challenge** is to leave as much—or more—to those who follow us as we receive from those who went before us.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE—ENDOWMENT GOALS

At its session in 2013, the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary. To help commemorate this historic event, the Board of Directors of the Foundation has set a goal of \$7 million in endowed funds:

- Endowed funds for Ministries of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists who wish to partnership with the Foundation (combined goal)

\$2,000,000.00
- Endowment for “Scholarship Fund For Christian Ministry”

1,000,000.00
- Endowed Funds for Churches
 - 1 church @ \$100,000 = \$100,000
 - 2 churches @ 50,000 = 100,000
 - 4 churches @ 25,000 = 100,000
 - 50 churches @ 10,000 = 500,000
 - 43 churches @ Various = 200,000
 - 100 churches

1,000,000.00
- Endowment for the Foundation

1,000,000.00
- Endowed funds for other Charitable and Educational Purposes

2,000,000.00
- Grand total for Endowed Funds**

\$7,000,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

That the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist endorse and recommend the Endowment goal of the North Carolina Foundation For Christian Ministries in the amount of \$7 million dollars by the 100th anniversary of the Convention in May 2013.

Board of Directors and Officers

W. Burkette Raper, President

Charles L. McLawhorn, Jr., Vice President

Walter Reynolds

Donald Ribeiro, Secretary-Treasurer

Donnie E. Lassiter

Ronnie V. Hobgood

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FOOTPRINTS

Footprints convey that someone has gone before us,
leaving us a marked way;
and remind us that we also can leave a marked way
for those who come after us.

Woman's Auxiliary Taskforce on Youth Ministry

In October 2008 the Executive Committee of the (then) State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Rev. John Hill, Rev. Buddy Sasser, and Kathy Cahoon in regards to potential enhancements to the State Youth Convention. It was accepted unanimously to allow the Youth Convention to move into the hands of the Convention of OFWB churches.

This transition would take place over the course of three to five years. At the end of this transition period, the Youth Convention would become a new Denominational Ministry or, at least, an independent self-supporting ministry operating within the OFWB Convention. Currently, the ministry has been in operation for 1½ years on its journey and is on target for the three year deadline.



We have sponsored the

- 1st Annual **Youth Worker's Summit**, Saturday, September 13, 2008
- Annual **Bible Bowl Competitions**, Saturday, April 25, 2009
- Annual **Youth Convention**, Friday, May 15-Sunday, May 17, 2009

We have Co-sponsored, Endorsed, or Promoted:

- Church Night Basketball Game at MOC
- Christian Student's Rock-the-Town Worship Service at MOC
- The State of the Child Conference (8th Judicial District)
- Youth Specialties® YS One-Day Events®
- Various Camp Weeks, Conference Youth Rallies, Revivals, etc.

Services Currently Available:

- Leader Coaching/Training with Certified Christian Coach
- Youth Ministry Development (Purpose, Ministries, Format, etc)
- Curriculum Suggestions
- Hiring Children/Youth Staff
- Registering Interested Persons who wish to work in Staff Positions
- Networking with Churches and Districts in your area
- with many more services to come!

Stop by Our Table and Pick-Up:

- Free Information
- Drawing for Youth Ministry Prize
- Information CD (with all of the below)
- Elizabeth Hansley Award Information
- Bible Bowl Information
- Sword Drill Information

**We operate on the resources
you provide to us and income
from Annual Programs and
Services.**

**For More Information
Contact:**

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Taskforce on Youth Ministry Plan of Action for Achievement

Phase One—Establishment

1. Completion and Adoption of Constitution and Bylaws
2. Meet with District Youth Representatives to find students' perspectives, goals, needs, and dreams.
3. Hold 2008 Youth Leaders Informational Summit
4. Provide a detailed sketch of Annual May 2009 Event
5. Provide a sketch of 2009 Youth Worker's Summit
6. Provide information to/for (at least but not limited to):
 - a. District level Woman's Auxiliary Leaders
 - b. Local Woman's Auxiliary Leaders
 - c. OFWB Convention Ministries
 - d. OFWB Conference Executive Committees
 - e. Woman's Auxiliary State Convention
 - f. May 2008 Youth Convention
 - g. March 2008 League Convention
 - h. May 2008 OFWB Convention
 - i. The Free Will Baptist Paper
7. Completion of 501-C (tax exempt status) -Pending
8. Completion of Incorporation status -Pending



Phase Two—Ministry Focus

1. Hold 2009 Youth Leader's Training Summit **OCTOBER 13, 2009 at MOC**
2. Hold 2009 May Youth Convention
3. Detailed Sketch for 2010 Youth Convention
4. Detailed Sketch for 2010 Youth Leader's Summit
5. Formulate Proposed Annual Budget
6. Formulate Funding Resources List
7. Launch Ministry Website (**completed via OFWB Convention Website www.ofwb.org**)
8. Compile List of Resources for Adult Leader Development
9. Compile List of Resources for Children and Youth Development
10. Offer Multiple Age Group Ministry Formats
11. Complete and Launch Age/Gift Specific Student Leader Certification Program
 - a. Children (PreK-4th)
 - b. Adolescent (5th-8th)
 - c. Teenager (9th-12th)
 - d. Children/Youth Music
12. Complete and Launch Student Ministry Director Certification Program
13. Research and Compile List of Mission Opportunities
14. Research and Compile List of Adult Training Opportunities
15. Research and Compile List of Spiritually Forming Opportunities
16. Research engaging and Cooperative Programs with Denominational Ministries
17. Research and Plan for Curriculum and Programs to foster OFWB Identity



Phase Three—Denominational Ministry Status

1. Move to Denominational Ministry Status with Convention
2. Recommend or Offer opportunities for...
 - a. Mission and Ministry
 - b. Leadership Development and Training
 - c. Spiritual Formation
3. Add coordinated efforts with other Denominational Ministries for Students and Adult Leaders
4. Consider any By-Law Revisions prior to Denominational Ministry Status
5. Contact and Facilitate Communication to and with:
6. Consider the Appointment of a Part-Time Director of Youth Ministry Services
7. Hold 2010 Youth Leader Training Summit
8. Hold 2010 Annual May Event
9. Compile a 5 year long range plan for achievement



**The 96th Annual Session of the
Convention of Original Free Will Baptists
May 20 – 22, 2008**

Minutes

Working For God Effectively - John 6:27

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

The Convention began with the Morning Worship Service featuring Speaker, Pastor Rick Rusaw. Following the worship service the Convention was called to Order by the Reverend Al Warrick, Secretary. Mr. David Currie gave devotions using the Scriptures: John 6:27; 1 Cor. 3:9 and led in Prayer. The welcome to Mount Olive College was given by Mrs. Jean Ackiss. The Reverend Charles Renfrow presented the President's Message using Matt. 9:37-38; 10:7. He spoke on sharing the Gospel; selflessness and remembering the Great Commission.

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee – The Reverend Ashley Trogon

The Initial Report of the Credentials Committee for the 2008 Seating of the Annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists is as follows:

We had 487 persons to pre-register this year:

217	Ordained Ministers
22	Licensed Ministers
245	Delegates
1	Member
2	Visitors

The credentials committee reminded all attendees that they must be wearing their name badge in order to vote and their registration fee must be paid in full.

- MSP

Report of the Executive Committee – Secretary Warrick

- Pages 8-11 in 2008 Convention Report Book. MSP

Report of the Convention Treasurer – The Reverend Kevin Jackson

Pages 13-19 in 2008 Convention Report Book.

Four Requests:

- Pray for Convention Office
- Read about the Convention Office services; asked the churches to invite Director Sasser to their churches
- Asked each Church to give to the Convention
- Those churches that are giving to increase to at least \$5 per week
- MSP

First Reading of Constitutional Changes – Secretary Warrick

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Article II—Bylaws
OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND THE MANNER
OF THEIR ELECTION

Section 22: Commission on Education For Christian Ministry:

The Commission on Education for Christian Ministry shall be composed of seven persons, each elected for a period of seven years, with the terms of one member expiring annually; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Article III—Duties & Responsibilities

Section 21: Commission on Education For Christian Ministry

The work of the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry shall be:

1. To provide a medium for voluntary coordination of services by agencies within the Convention which address the equipping of those called to Christian ministry.
2. To provide a resource of information, publications, literature and other media, along with appropriate consultation relative to educational options, for those called to Christian ministry, including pastoral services, youth ministry, services to the elderly, church music, counseling, Christian education and other Christian vocations; and
3. To provide appropriate conferences, workshops and other learning opportunities which will foster excellence in Christian ministry.

Report of the Nominating Committee – The Reverend Ray Wells

The Nominating committee submits the following report:

Convention Officers—Terms expiring 2010

President.....Charles Renfrow

Vice-President.....Harold Swinson

Executive Committee—Terms expiring 2010

Central Conference.....Leon Grubbs

Cape Fear Conference.....Sam Weeks

Eastern Conference.....Tim Heath

Children's Home Board—Terms expiring 2012

Doug Skinner

Sherry G. Askew

James Cahoon

Church Finance Association—Term expiring 2009

Laura Monroe

Convention

Pragmont Assembly—Terms expiring 2011

Don Lassiter
Lancy Bovkin

Pragmont members serving on behalf of the disbanded League Convention:

Charlene Howell – Term expiring 2009
Lloyd Jones – Term expiring 2010
Carol Davis – Term expiring 2011

Foreign Missions Board—Term expiring 2013

Wayne King

Free Will Baptist Press Foundation—Term expiring 2009

Alan Joyner

Home Missions Board—Term expiring 2015

Lewis Forsythe

Ministers Program—Term expiring 2013

Ricky Warren

Mount Olive College Board of Trustees—Terms expiring 2014

Jane Tripp
Don Lassiter
Wendell Murphy
Jean Averette
De Wayne Eakes

Retirement Homes Board—Terms expiring 2013

Clifford Ball
Lloyd Jones, Jr.
Johnny Johnson—2010 to fill the unexpired term of Dale Belvin

Convention Board of Trustees

Jimmy Webster—2010 to fill unexpired term of Jerry Allen, Jr.
Walt Tyndall—2011

Chaplains' Commission—Term expiring 2013

Phil Wood

Historical Commission—Term expiring 2011

Edmundo Gonzalez

Layman's League Board—Terms expiring 2011

Eason Barnhill
John Newton
Paul Beamon
Eugene Dixon

Sunday School Board—Terms expiring 2011

Roger Hill
Paul Grubbs
Wayne Hicks

Commission on Youth Ministry and Student Ministry Leadership

Ricky Warren—2009
Cathy Cahoon—2010
David Currie—2011
Angela Mattox—2012
John Hill—2013

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: John Hill, Brad Williamson, Danny McPherson and Ray Wells.

- MSP

The Ministerial Association made the presentation of the P.T. Lucas Awards

Bi-vocational minister.....Rev. Philip Wood
Full-time Pastor.....Rev. Johnny Sullivan

Director Buddy Sasser recognized the following guests;

- Bishop L. N. Forbes and his associates from the Original Free Will Baptist General Conference.
- Dr. Matt Pinson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.
- Kelly Jones representing Campbell University.
- Paul Learned; marketing director of Standard Publishing Co.

Director Sasser and President Renfrow then made a presentation to Mary Dudley, Director of the Sunday School Ministry; in recognition of her lifetime commitment to OFWB.

Author Rick Rusaw presented a “Life on Loan” Workshop a plenary session with everyone remaining in Kornegay Arena.

Second Reading of Constitutional Changes – Secretary Warrick

Recognition of Special Guests – President Renfrow

The Convention adjourned for afternoon Workshop Sessions in Raper Hall

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Final Session began in Raper Hall, in the Southern Bank Auditorium. Mr. Cameron Ash led with Scripture and Prayer.

President Renfrow spoke on Ministerial ethics and gave the itinerary for the day.

Secretary Warrick presented the Final Reading of the Constitutional Changes.

Workshop Session Four was held in Raper Hall.

Following the workshops we entered into Morning Worship with Dr. Matt Pinson, President--Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN

President Charles Renfrow called the meeting to order at Noon.

Adoption of Constitutional Changes—M/S/P

Adoption of Nominating Committee Report—M/S/P

Adoption of Ministry Director's Reports—Received the recommendations of the ministries as listed on the pages of the 2008 Annual Report. M/S/P

Report of the Resolutions Committee to give a rising vote of thanks to Mount Olive College for their hospitality in hosting the 2008 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists—M/S/P

Final Report of the Credentials Committee

The Final Report of the Credentials Committee for the 2008 Seating of the Annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists is as follows:

487 persons pre-registered.

149 persons registered at the Convention:

Ordained Ministers	217	pre-registered & 30 registered on site	247
Licensed Ministers	22	pre-registered & 5 registered on site	27
Delegates	245	pre-registered & 50 registered on site	295
Members	1	pre-registered & 1 registered on site	2
Visitors	2	pre-registered & 60 registered on site	62
Fraternal Delegates		3 registered on site	<u>3</u>
Total Registration			636

• **M/S/P**

Mrs. Kitty Barnes, Chair of the committee for the 100th Anniversary Celebration Start-Up reported—

2008 Begins five year celebration of 100 years of service to NC

- **Requested that churches submit written histories and submit to committee**
- **Also asked for oldest picture of each church.**

Report of the Memorial Committee—Dr. Sam Weeks

2 Tim. 4:68 "Old Christian soldiers never die, they just fly away."
The denomination lost 7 ministers this past year.

Cape Fear Conference:

Roy T. Clifton—October 7, 2007

Norman Ard—February 17, 2008

W. J. Tyner—April 30, 2008

Eastern Conference:

Rod Jones—June 5, 2007

Charles Richardson—March 5, 2008

Convention

Pee Dee Association:

Garland Suggs—August 6, 2007

Western Conference:

Joe Johnson—February 17, 2008

In addition, we also remember the following Minister's wives:

Hilda Sasser, wife of the late Raymond Sasser—July 27, 2007

Faye Sutton, wife of Walter Sutton—August 31, 2007

Lucille Armstrong, wife of Henry Armstrong—September 30, 2007

Evelyn Reynolds, wife of Walter Reynolds—October 5, 2007

Margaret Warren, wife of James Warren—January 7, 2008

Clara Patrick, wife the late C. L. Patrick—March 13, 2008

Peanie Swinson, wife of the late Luther Swinson—March 15, 2008

Kathleen Kennedy, wife of the late Rashie Kennedy—March 18, 2008

Rachel Crocker, wife of John L. Crocker—May 17, 2008

All stood as the Reverend Bobby Futrell led in prayer.

Requested that each conference fill out biographical sheets for ministers that pass away during the year to ensure proper information for the conferences and convention.

Respectfully submitted: David Pooser, Eva Ballance, Alan Joyner, Ronnie Taylor, Wayne Sheffield, Danny McPherson, Wayne Hicks, Bobby Futrell, and Sam Weeks, Chair.

- Received as Information

President Renfrow thanked:

Parliamentarians: Ricky Warren, James Cahoon

Video Screen: Terry Ellis

Worship Leader: Johnny Sullivan

Timekeeper: Lewis Forsythe

Sound System: Doug Skinner

The Convention is Adjourned

Closing prayer by Rev. Gary Bryan

**Minutes of the
Sixty-Fourth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
held at
Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church
Columbia, NC**

October 8, 2008

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 7, 2009. The location will be Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church in Roper, North Carolina.

Officers for the Years 2008-2009

Moderator: The Reverend William Mobley
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Keith Pelletier
Clerk: The Reverend David Pooser
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Lois Askew
Treasurer: Mr. Lloyd Jones

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the general officers of the Conference, chair of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Board of Ordination, and the chair of the Board of Missions.

Board of Trustees

The Reverend H. P. Norman (2009)
Mr. Ray Collier (2010)
Mr. Scott Davis (2011)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Robert May (2009)
The Reverend Al Markuson (2010)
The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2011)
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)
The Reverend William Mobley (2013)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze (2009)
Mrs. Lucy Jones (2010)
Mr. Don Skinner (2011)
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)
Ms. Becky Jo Sumner (2013)

Nominating Committee
Mrs. Darlene Paul
Mrs. Leytha Mobley
Mr. Wayne Britt
The Reverend Mike Williams

Ordained Ministers

Paul Grubbs	127 Zack Circle, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Raymond Lagcher	P. O. Box 104, Belhaven, NC 27810
Robert M. May	146 Slaughter Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910
William C. Mobley	2306 West 5 th Street, Washington, NC 27889
H. P. Norman	P. O. Box 723, Farmville, NC 27828
Keith A. Pelletier	195 Gus Town Road, Creswell, NC 27928
Dallas Pinkham	13099 Hwy 264 East, Pinetown, NC 27865
Billy F. Reynolds	440 Breezy Banks Road, Roper, NC 27970
Royce L. Reynolds	P. O. Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Harold Swinson	P. O. Box 397, Kenly, NC 27542
David Pooser	5580 Sidney Road, Belhaven, NC 27810
Al Markuson	5993 NC Hwy 32 S, Plymouth, NC 27962
Charles Parrish	433 SW Broderick Drive, Lake City FL 32025
Woodrow Freeze III	808 Jones Bridge Road, Pinetown, NC 27865
Michael Williams	531 NC 561 East, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Licensed Ministers

James Yoder	1509 Mainstem Road, Pantego, NC 27860
Jonathan Best	238 Pungo Creek Road, Pinetown, NC 27865

Proceedings

Morning Session opened at 9:30 am with hymn 411 *Jesus Saves*.

The Albemarle Conference was welcomed by Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Michael Williams gave response from the Conference.

Rev. Keith Pelletier gave the morning devotions speaking on "Great Passion." His text was from Psalm 122. We were challenged to come to this conference with great but humble passion and with great faith.

Moderator, the Rev. Bill Mobley called conference to order and the program was approved.

The Roll of Churches was called with 11 present, 3 absent, 2 of which sent letters.

The Roll of Ministers was called with 9 present, 2 absent, 4 excused absences.

The moderator greeted the visiting ministers.

Rev. Bill Mobley presented the Moderator's address. His text was from 2 Corinthians 6:11 urging us to abstain from evil things.

Hymn 198 *Dwelling in Beulah Land* was sung.

The ushers were called to collect the morning offering.

The moderator called to appoint temporary committees. With no nominations from the floor, the moderator appointed the following:

Rev. Al Markuson and Rev. Raymond Lagcher, Memorial Committee

Rev. Mike Williams and Mr. Jim Yoder, Resolutions Committee

The floor was opened for reports.

There was no Executive Committee report.

There was no Board of Trustees report.

Rev. Keith Pelletier reported on the activities of the Ordination Board. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed.

Rev. Woodrow Freeze gave the Nominating Committee report. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed.

Announcements were made:

Rev. Warren Hoover is available to serve.

The following revivals were announced:

Free Union, Malachi's Chapel, Shiloh

Sound Side announced their homecoming Nov. 19.

The floor was opened for reports from the denominational ministries.

- Convention of Original Free Will Baptist, Director of Denominational Services, Rev. Buddy Sasser introduced the directors of the denominational enterprises present

- Rev. David Hansely reported on the work of the Home Missions and Evangelism

- Mr. Cliff Gray reported from Free Will Baptist Press

- Original Free Will Baptist International (Foreign Missions) report was delivered by Rev. Harold Jones

- Rev. Jeff Daughtry reported on Mount Olive College

- Rev. Ronnie Taylor gave the report from Retirement Homes

A short break was called by the Moderator.

Following the break:

- Mrs. Mary Dudley reported on the Sunday School Ministry.

- Rev. John Hill reported on the activities of the Youth Commission.

- Rev. Buddy Sasser concluded the ministry reports.

The worship service was opened by the singing of hymn 518, *Sweet Bye and Bye*.

Rev. Royce Reynolds introduced Rev. Phil Smith of Sandy Acres Free Will Baptist Church who brought special music singing *Have You Visited Heaven Lately*.

Moderator, the Rev. Bill Mobley, introduced Rev. Robert May who brought the morning message. Bro. May spoke from Mark 4:35-41, speaking of "Faith for the Storm."

Invitational hymn was number 334, *Just As I Am*.

Following the worship service, Brother Bill opened the floor for any questions for denominational enterprises.

Bro. Bill turned the floor to Rev. Harold Swinson who spoke on behalf of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Bill called upon Bro. Royce Reynolds to give directions for the noon meal who also offered the blessing for the meal.

Lunch was served by Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Albemarle

The afternoon session of the 64th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was opened in singing hymn 511 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*.

Devotions were delivered by Rev. Royce Reynolds who read from Matthew 9 and spoke on the need for evangelism.

The memorial service was presided over by Rev. Al Markuson and Rev. Raymond Lagcher. Brother Al read the names of those who passed during the year and the floor was opened for other names. There were no ministers lost. Brother Raymond Lagcher read from John 19:25-30 and offered prayer.

The moderator, Rev. Bill Mobley, opened the business session.

Bro. Lloyd Jones presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Brought Forward from 2007	\$ 2814.42
Amount Received after Conference	63.00
Amount Received from churches	550.00
Amount Received from offering	<u>+ 61.00</u>
Total Received	3488.42
Amount Paid Out	<u>-1146.00</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$ 2342.42

Mission Fund

Brought Forward from 2007	\$ 4411.36
Amount Received During Year	311.20
Bank Interest	<u>+ 8.84</u>
Total	4731.40

A discussion was held regarding the Yearbooks.

It was moved and seconded to send from the missions account \$500.00 to Foreign Missions and \$500.00 to Disaster Relief earmarked for the Texas work. Following discussion the motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the reporting of deaths.

Rev. Michael Williams reported for the Resolutions Committee.

It was resolved to give Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote thanks for hosting this conference and a wonderful meal.

Mrs. Sarah Parker expressed thanks to all of the Albemarle Conference ministers.

Rev. David Hansley invited all to come to Home Missions Office in Kinston, NC.

It was reported that the Mount Olive College dinner would be held at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm.

October 18, the Mount Olive College Dinner would be held at Southside High School at 7:00 pm.

Albemarle

Rev. Royce Reynolds spoke about the Free Will Baptist Press. Brother Lloyd Jones also commented on the Free Will Baptist Press.

Next Year, the Albemarle Conference will meet at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church on Oct. 7, 2009.

Mrs. Mary Dudley rose to speak about the information prepared by the Convention for our meeting.

The minutes were read and corrected.

Brother Mobley expressed his appreciation.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

The motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Deceased Members:

Anges Edwards, Philip Jones, Thomas Windley, Bessie Ann Watson, Margaret Paul, Mertie Everton, Victoria Cooper, Alice Smith Rose, Betty Jo Hines, Julia Wright

Board of Ordination Report

December 28, 2007

The members of the Board of Ordination of the Albermarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists conferenced via phone with Board Chairman Al Markuson. The Board granted approval for Dr. Bobby Taylor, a member in good standing of the Western Conference, to work in the Albemarle Conference. Dr. Taylor has accepted the pastorate of the First OFWB Church of Plymouth, pending his clearance to work in the conference.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith Pelletier, Secretary

Al Markuson, Chair

June 28, 2008

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Trinity OFWB Church on June 28, 2008 following the Albemarle Union. Members present included the Reverends, Al Markuson, Robert May and Keith Pelletier.

The Board discussed the status of licensed minister James Yoder and his mentor, The Reverend Billy Reynolds. The Board recommended that The Reverend Billy Reynolds continue to serve as mentor for Brother Yoder.

The Board received letters from both the Eastern Conference Board of Ordination and from Mr. Everette Harper requesting his credentials. The Board agreed to research the matter further before responding.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Reverend Al Markuson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith Pelletier, Secretary

Al Markuson, Chair

Nominating Committee Report

Board of Missions	Ms. Becky Jo Sumner (2013)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend William Mobley (2013)
Board of Trustees	Mr. Scott Davis (2013)
Nominating Committee	Mr. Wayne Britt (2009)
	Mrs. Leytha Mobley (2009)
	Mrs. Darlene Paul (2009)
	The Reverend Michael Williams (2009)

Respectfully Submitted:

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze III, The Reverend Robert May, Mrs. Sara Parker, Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE
OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT POWHATAN OFWB CHURCH
OF THE CLAYTON COMMUNITY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

Moderator: The Reverend Aubrey Williamson (2010)
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Otis Hamm (2010)
Clerk: Eva Ballance (2009)
Assistant Clerk: Carolyn Jernigan (2009)
Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2010)
Member at Large: The Reverend Ken Dabbs (2009)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Eva Ballance, Carolyn Jernigan, Sam Weeks, Ken Dabbs

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J.N. Bryant (2009) Donnie Massey (2010)
Bobby Johnson (2011) Chris Markuson, Jr. (2012) Ray Smith (2013)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Doug Seymour (2009) Billy Nowell (2010)
Wayne Puckett (2011) Martha Parsons (2012) Peyton Lee (2013)

ORDAINING BOARD

Sam Weeks (2009) Joe Ballance (2010)
Frank Harrison (2011) Jim Bogle (2012) Aubrey Williamson (2013)

CONFERENCE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

Ricky Warren (2010)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

(P – Present, A – Absent, E – Excused)

E	Henry Armstrong	P	Wade Daughtry
P	Fred Baker	E	Jesse Fulcher
P	Joe Ballance	E	Edmundo Gonzalez
E	Swade Benson	P	Otis Hamm
P	Cecil Blackmon	P	Frank Harrison
P	Jim Bogle	P	Ronnie Hayes
P	Gene Britt	P	John Hill
P	Rayford Byrd	E	Roger Hill
P	Braxton Carter	P	Earl Johnson
P	Scott Casey	P	Fred Johnson
P	Larry Coats	P	Emmitt Jones
P	James Corbett	E	Dan Jordan
P	Ken Dabbs	E	Dean Kennedy

Cape Fear

P	Alan Lamm	P	Burkette Raper
E	John Rayford Lee	A	Scott Satterfield
P	Donnie Massey	P	Jeff Scarborough
P	Richard McKeel	P	Doug Seymour
P	Tony McLamb	P	Elijah Smith
A	Joe Myrick	P	Hubert Stanley
P	Billy Nowell	A	Charlie Tucker
E	Kenneth Phillips	E	Willem Van der Plas
P	Dennis Pollock	P	Ricky Warren
P	Alan Price	P	Sam Weeks
E	Jimmy Price	P	Aubrey Williamson
P	Clarence Privette	P	Richard Whitman

LICENSED MINISTERS

E	John Butler- Oak Grove
A	Bryan Williamson-St. Mary's Grove

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) convened at Powhatan OFWB Church, Clayton Community, North Carolina on November 11, 2008. Moderator Aubrey Williamson presented the program for adoption.

The congregation opened in singing "America the Beautiful", *Bates*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. Rev. Scott Casey offered scripture and prayer from Ephesians 6:10-18. The conference was welcomed by Pastor Jim Bogle of Powhatan OFWB Church. The response was heard from Chris Markuson, Jr. of St. Mary's Grove OFWB Church.

Clerk Eva Ballance called the session to order. The rules of registration were then explained by the Credentials Committee Chair Joe Ballance, as adopted by the One Hundred Fourteenth Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Clerk Eva Ballance called the Roll of Officers and Standing Boards, Churches, and Ministers. Rev. Stephen Prescott requested to join the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was made to accept Rev. Prescott's transfer from the Eastern Conference to the Cape Fear Conference. Motion was carried. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Moderator Aubrey Williamson to Rev. Stephen Prescott, welcoming him to our conference. The Moderator recognized the visitors.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson offered words of encouragement to the conference from Matthew 5:12. He commented that "His Word and His Truth will carry us through trying times. We are a blessed people. We are promised victory in Jesus as we exercise our faith. When we are weak, He is strong. We can be the salt and the light of the world. Let's keep the faith." Moderator Aubrey Williamson welcomed everyone. He paid special tribute to veterans for giving us our national and religious freedom. Everyone was asked to stand for a moment of silent prayer to honor all veterans and show appreciation for their service.

Motion was made to appoint the following Temporary Committees by Moderator Williamson. The motion was carried.

Temperance/Resolutions Committee: Chair Otis Hamm, Doug Seymour, Ken Dabbs
Obituary Committee: Chair James Corbett, Braxton Carter

Credentials Committee: Chair Joe Ballance, Clarence Privette, Gene Britt

Nominating Committee: Chair Fred Baker, John Hill, Jim Bogle

A report was given by Dr. Burkette Raper for The North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries. Moderator Aubrey Williamson requested everyone to review the written report of the executive committee and the revised Constitution. Motion was carried to place the revised Constitution on the table until the afternoon session. Dr. Sam Weeks was recognized as the Cape Fear Conference representative to the Executive Committee of the Convention, who gave the Convention report. Charles Lynwood Renfrow, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, was recognized. He encouraged unity and a bond of peace so we can work together for the spreading of God's Word from our conferences to our churches and to our laity.

Representatives from our denominational ministries were present and given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Convention of OFWB - Director of Convention Services, Buddy Sasser, Cragmont Assembly - Bryant Hines, Free Will Baptist Press - Cliff Gray, Foreign Missions - Harold Jones, Children's Home - Gary Lee, Mount Olive College - Jeff Daughtry, Sunday School Ministry - Gail Heath, Retirement Home Ministry - Ronnie Taylor, Home Missions & Evangelism and Harvest Connection - David Charles Hansley.

A report was given by John Hill for the Youth Commission. Rev. Doug Seymour gave a report for Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry.

The Morning Worship Service began with singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder", *Black*, led by song leader, Peyton Lee. Special music was presented by Powhatan OFWB Church Adult Choir. Rev. Ricky Warren, pastor of Lee's Chapel OFWB Church, brought the morning message from Matthew 28:16-20, Matthew 22:36-40 and Leviticus 19:1,2,15-18. He shared a personal experience that led to his sermon topic "We Know What To Do, Will Someone Please Tell Us How." He stated "The church is failing to fulfill the Great Commission. We have become over-focused on the Great Commission instead of the Great Commandment. God wants us to be a holy people of covenant relationships." He used an illustration to convey the importance of loving God and one another and serving others as Jesus did.

The benediction and blessing was offered and the conference went to lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus", *Bartlett*, led by song leader Peyton Lee. Scripture and prayer were offered by Rev. Larry Coats from Romans 12:2 and Galatians 2:20.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson requested a reading of the Constitution by Clerk Eva Ballance.

Motion was made to accept the written report of the executive committee as given. Motion was carried.

The following reports of the Standing Boards were received by the conference (see attached reports of the Standing Boards). The Mission's Committee report for Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry was given by Dr. Sam Weeks. Rev. Fred Baker and Dr. Burkette Raper made additional comments. The Ordaining Council report was given by Dr. Sam Weeks. The Woman's Auxiliary Report, The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship and the Board of Christian Education reports were given by Martha Parsons. The Cape Fear

Minister's Conference report was given by Joe Ballance. These reports were accepted as information.

The following reports of the Temporary Committees were then received (see attached reports of the Temporary Committees). The Temperance/Resolutions Committee presented two resolutions, of which both passed. The Obituary Committee reported the deaths of three ministers and a minister's wife during the past year. The Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the conference. A nomination was made from the floor for Aubrey Williamson to retain his position on the Ordaining Board. A vote was taken and his name was properly placed into nomination. The list of candidates for nomination received a motion to be elected, was seconded and passed with the change in the Ordaining Board nominee. The Credentials Committee gave a report of the Annual Conference's attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sam Weeks and was received by motion (see attached report).

The conference then moved into its business session. New business presented was a motion to remove the Constitution from the table and accept it as read. Motion was carried. Dr. Sam Weeks encouraged all ministers to attend the Minister's Association meetings.

The 155th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held on November 10, 2009, at First OFWB Church, Goldsboro.

Motion was carried to adjourn the 154th Session of the Cape Fear Conference and the conference was dismissed with prayer by Rev. John Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Aubrey Williamson, Moderator
Eva Ballance, Clerk

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists (OFWB) denomination, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do adopt this Constitution.

NAME

This shall be the Constitution of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists Churches; meeting annually to conduct its business and meeting quarterly as the Conference Fellowship Meetings.

PURPOSE

The goal of the Cape Fear Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among all people by advancing and promoting the cause of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE I - COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, which are in good standing, and of all officers, and members of standing

boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*. A church corporation whose articles of incorporation, or constitution and bylaws, adhere with *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*, shall be permitted membership in the Conference.

ARTICLE II - REPRESENTATION

Each church shall be represented with one delegate for each fifty active members or fraction thereof, as reported in the current OFWB Directory. The delegation from each church shall carry a letter to the conference reflecting their appointment.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

The officers of the conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, a treasurer, and a member at large who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected. The officers shall serve as the Conference Executive Committee. Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

ARTICLE IV - STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the policy of the conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary to implement its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

A Board of Trustees, a Board of Christian Education, and a Board of Ordination consisting of five members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years, with one member elected at each annual session of the conference.

Section 1 - Standing boards shall establish their operating procedures and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the conference.

Section 2 - Temporary committees shall be appointed at option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE

Section 1 - Each church shall contribute to the conference annually the **minimum** amounts specified below based on active church membership:

Less than 50--\$35.00

51-125--\$100

Greater than 125--\$125.00

Section 2 - Each church shall also contribute to the Conference Fellowship Meetings a **minimum** of \$25.00.

ARTICLE VI - ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by the Original Free Will Baptists, that desires to help promote the work of the conference and the Convention of OFWB, may petition for membership into the conference. Upon approval, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the church.

ARTICLE VII - DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the conference by conference vote or by request of said church.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The conference shall meet in annual session on the second Tuesday of November. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting may be changed by the executive committee should a change become necessary.

Section 2 - The Conference Fellowship Meetings shall consist of four quarterly meetings, the Saturdays before the fifth Sunday, except for the conference revival, with one hour of training presented by the Board of Christian Education and one hour of worship presented by the host church. One of the four meetings shall be the conference revival organized by the executive committee.

BYLAWS

Section 1 - The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the session of the conference: to appoint temporary committees; and to serve as an ex officio member of all standing boards and committees. The moderator also serves as chairperson of the Conference Executive Committee.

Section 2 - The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that person is not present, and shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 3 - The clerk shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the conference, the executive committee meetings, and preserve accurate records. The clerk shall prepare the minutes of the annual session for publication.

Section 4 - The duties of the assistant clerk shall be the duties of the clerk when that person is absent, and shall assist the clerk when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

Section 5 - The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out, and make an annual report to the conference.

Section 6 - It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session and to present a report at annual conference. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the conference and the programs for the conference fellowship revival meetings. The executive committee shall serve as the Conference Mission Board, working in cooperation with Home Missions and Evangelism.

Section 7 - The Board of Trustees shall hold in trust all conference real property and convey said property or assets as the conference may direct.

Section 8 - It shall be the duty of the Board of Ordination to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists*, along with whatever additional requirements

are made by the conference. The Board of Ordination shall examine ordained ministers seeking to serve a church in this conference and report decisions to the church.

Section 9 - It shall be the duty of the Board of Christian Education to keep people informed of educational needs, and endeavor to promote the cause of Christian education. The Board of Christian Education shall cooperate with the educational institutions of the denomination and use all funds for the best interests of Christian education. The Board of Christian Education shall plan a program of work for the quarterly Conference Fellowship Meetings and present it to the annual conference for approval. This board shall be responsible for securing the host churches and naming them in their program of work. In addition, they shall be responsible for sending out notices and preparing the programs for each of the quarterly Conference Fellowship Meetings.

Section 10 - The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: Credentials, Nominating, Resolutions, and Obituary.

Section 11 - Boards or committees will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said boards or committees have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

Section 12 - Each ordained and licensed minister shall attend the annual session of the conference or be represented by letter.

Section 13 - Each officer and member of standing committees and boards shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

Section 14 - The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services or prayer.

Section 15 - This constitution, and its bylaws, may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present at the annual session, provided that said amendment shall be read during the morning session and action taken during the afternoon session.

Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee Minutes 2008

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on November 29, 2007, at the First FWB Church in Smithfield at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present: Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance and Ken Dabbs.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Matthew 25 and asked that we look for opportunities to do something because we desire to serve Jesus. Then he led the opening prayer.

The September 24, 2007 Executive committee minutes were read for information.

The 2007 Annual Cape Fear Conference Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes with correction. (MSP)

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$2632.70, of which \$442.00 is designated to be sent to Foreign Missions, leaving a balance of \$2190.70 in

the general fund. Treasurer's report was accepted as information. It was noted that a thank you note had been received from Dr. Burkette Raper for the offering given to The N.C. Foundation of Christian Ministries.

Martha Parsons will be asked to submit a letter to all Cape Fear Conference churches requesting their Union dues for the December Union meeting that is not actually being held.

Discussion continued regarding the Constitution revision. It was decided to form a task group, comprising of Union and Executive Committee members. Rev. Ken Dabbs made a motion for Rev. Otis Hamm and Dr. Sam Weeks to represent the Executive Committee, by joining with representatives from the Union to revise the Constitution and report back to the conference by June, 2008. (MSP) Review will be made of their recommendations on June 23, 2008.

New business brought forth was a request to purchase a Christian flag by the conference. Sam Weeks noted he had already ordered one flag. Motion was made to buy one cotton flag and keep one on hand. (MSP)

A motion was made to request a meeting with Rev. David Charles Hansley, Director of Home Missions, to discuss the Home Missions contract with Daly's Chapel and give us feedback regarding his vision for Daly's Chapel. (MSP)

A motion was made for the Executive Committee to meet with Ronnie Taylor and Daly's Chapel on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. to answer questions that they may have and clarify their vision. An invitation will be extended to Rev. David Charles Hansley to attend. (MSP)

The Ordaining Council will contact Rev. McLamb and Rev. Satterfield regarding missing two consecutive Annual Cape Fear Conference meetings without excuse.

It was decided that the task group revising the Constitution will review the Executive Committee officers' expiration of term dates.

Motion was made to send \$500.00 to Rev. Charles Lynwood Renfrow for expenses incurred with the Convention. (MSP)

Motion was made to adjourn. (MSP)

Rev. Otis Hamm led the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on February 21, 2008, at the First FWB Church in Smithfield at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present: Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance, Ken Dabbs and Carolyn Jernigan.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from John 14:1-6 and I John 1. He spoke about Jesus leaving the disciples with a comforter. He stated that Jesus is past, present and future by acknowledging what he has done for each of us and is doing for us now and is preparing for our future. His challenge was that God would help us to have a vision beyond ourselves. Otis Hamm led the opening prayer, remembering Ken Dabbs' mother who had fallen that afternoon.

The November 29, 2007 Executive committee minutes were accepted as presented. (MSP)

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$2495.70, of which \$1422.84 was designated for the education fund and the purchase of three Christian flags, leaving an actual balance of \$1072.86. The treasurer's report was accepted as information. (MSP)

Old business addressed was the formation of the Constitution Revision Committee. It was noted that Braxton Carter and Roger Hill from the Cape Fear Conference Union, and Otis Hamm and Sam Weeks from the Executive Committee, are serving on this committee. Their recommendations will be reviewed at the June 23, 2008 Executive Committee meeting.

Other old business was acknowledging the purchase of two Christian flags, one for the service of Rev. Roy Clifton and the other for the service of Rev. Norman Ard. The third Christian flag has been purchased to keep on hand for any upcoming need.

By request of the Executive Committee, Rev. David Charles Hansley, Director of Home Missions, met with the committee at 4:30 p.m. to discuss his vision for Daly's Chapel and the possible formation of missions within the Cape Fear Conference that had not been brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Hansley agreed to work closely with the Executive Committee regarding mission formation in the Cape Fear Conference.

Dr. Sam Weeks led in prayer for the work of Home Missions and the leadership of Rev. David Charles Hansley, Director of Home Missions. Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Hansley for meeting with the Executive Committee and an invitation was extended to him to attend the meeting at Daly's Chapel on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

The Ordination Board met in joint session with the Executive Committee at 5:15 p.m. to discuss Larry Coats' proposal. Mr. Coats had requested reinstatement of his credentials to be an ordained OFWB minister in a letter dated March 18, 2007.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson asked for a recommendation from the Executive Committee to the Ordination Board regarding the reinstatement of Mr. Larry Coats' credentials. A recommendation was made that the Ordination Board reinstate the credentials of Larry Coats, effective March 24, 2008, and he be notified of this affirmation tonight. (MSP)

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The Ordination Board made a recommendation to reinstate Mr. Larry Coats' credentials on March 1, 2008. (MSP) The Ordination Board was then dismissed.

The Executive Committee meeting was called back to order. A request had been received from the Convention of OFWB to send \$300.00 for the I.M.P.A.C.T. Banquet. A motion was made to send \$300.00 to the Convention for the I.M.P.A.C.T. Banquet. (MSP)

Sam Weeks gave an update about activities at the Convention of OFWB.

Motion was made to adjourn. (MSP)

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on March 9, 2008, with Daly's Chapel Church at 3:00 p.m.

Licensed Minister Ronnie Taylor welcomed everyone and led with an opening prayer. The meeting was turned over to Otis Hamm, Assistant Moderator, who asked the Executive Committee to introduce themselves. Members present were Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance and Ken Dabbs.

Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm gave Daly's Chapel members an opportunity to address questions they may have to the Executive Committee.

Assistant Moderator Otis Hamm reiterated the support of the CFC Executive Committee to provide training for some officers, deacons, etc.

Daly's Chapel spoke words of appreciation to Licensed Minister Ronnie Taylor and his wife, Wanda, and to the Executive Committee of the CFC for their expression of concern and offering of support. The Executive Committee praised Daly's Chapel for their graciousness and for taking a positive course of action.

The meeting was adjourned. Assistant Moderator, Otis Hamm prayed the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on March 9, 2008, at Daly's Chapel Church.

Following the meeting with Daly's Chapel, the Executive Committee met with Licensed Minister, Ronnie Taylor. Assistant Moderator, Otis Hamm called the meeting to order. Ronnie Taylor presented a six month report from Daley's Chapel. It was stated that the business meeting with Daly's Chapel had been positive and that the Executive Committee wanted to work with Home Missions for the sake of Daly's Chapel.

Motion was made to adjourn. (MSP) Eva Ballance led the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on June 23, 2008, at the First FWB Church in Smithfield at 4:00 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present were Aubrey Williamson, Sam Weeks, Eva Ballance and Ken Dabbs.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson gave the devotion from Luke, Chapter 11. He stated that God has an ear to hear from people. He is as close as a prayer. We should trust that there is unity in peace and we should strive to unify to glorify. Aubrey Williamson led the opening prayer.

Recommended changes to the Constitution and By-laws were presented by Sam Weeks, representing the Constitution Revision Committee. Further review will take place at the next Executive Committee meeting in August.

The February 21, 2008 Executive Committee minutes were approved as read. The March 9, 2008 Executive Committee minutes were approved with corrections.

There was discussion regarding the Executive Committee's response to Daly's Chapel's needs and commitment to assist them with deacon training. A motion was made to send a letter to Daly's Chapel, reaffirming the committee's position to be of assistance to them. (MSP)

Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$1996.38, of which \$1187.44 was designated for the education fund. It was noted that there was one Christian flag on hand if a need arises.

New business discussed was the food expense by Blended Fellowship for the Union Meeting meal to be held on Saturday, June 28, 2008. A motion was made to cover the cost of the food by placing an offering plate for contributions and the Conference pay the remaining balance for a total offering of \$500.00. (MSP)

Planning began for the 154th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference at Powhatan OFWB Church on Tuesday, November, 11, 2008. The program was finalized and temporary committee recommendations will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting on August 25, 2008.

Motion was made to adjourn. (MSP) Clerk, Eva Ballance led the closing prayer.

The Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee met on August 25, 2008, at the First FWB Church in Smithfield at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Aubrey Williamson. Conference members present: Aubrey Williamson, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Eva Bailance and Carolyn Jernigan.

Otis Hamm opened with prayer. Carolyn Jernigan gave the devotion from Matthew 7:7.

The June 23, 2008 Executive Committee minutes were accepted as presented.

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Treasurer Sam Weeks gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$986.81. The treasurer's report was accepted as information.

Old business discussed was review of the program for the 154th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Recommendations were given for the temporary committees.

A motion was made that if the Fellowship of Conservative Free Will Baptists requested to give a report at the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference that their request be denied. (MSP)

It was noted that the Convention had decided that the representative from each conference would give the Convention report at their Annual Conference. Dr. Sam Weeks is our Cape Fear Conference representative on the Executive Committee of the Convention and will give the report.

A motion was made for the clerk to contact the persons selected and listed for the Temporary Committees for the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference. (MSP)

A motion was made that the Executive Committee recommend to the Conference Nominating Committee that all the officers whose term is expiring to retain their positions with new terms expiring according to the Constitution. (MSP) A letter will be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee listing each name and position.

The Executive Committee agreed to move to a new item of business. The Blended Fellowship Ministry Endowment was presented. It was noted that four individuals had pledged \$1000.00 each to this endowment. For the endowment to pay out dividends, it must be a total of \$10,000.00. It was decided that Dr. Sam Weeks will expound on this need at the Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference.

A motion was made that the Cape Fear Conference gives \$1200.00 annually to The N.C. Foundation for Christian Ministries for scholarships. (MSP)

The Executive Committee returned to an old item of business, the revision of the Constitution. A final copy will be mailed to all churches with the conference letter for review before the Annual Session. A motion was made that the Executive Committee recommend that the Cape Fear Conference adopt and ratify the revised Cape Fear Conference Constitution and Bylaws. (MSP)

A motion was made to send \$500.00 from the Cape Fear Conference to the President of the Convention earmarked for his financial needs. (MSP)

Motion was made to adjourn. (MSP) Carolyn Jernigan led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Ballance, Clerk

**Report of the Board of Ordination
154th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference**

On Thursday February 21, 2008 The Board of Ordination met in joint session with the Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at 5:00 pm. Board members present were: Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Joe Ballance and Rev. Jim Bogle.

The board met at the request of Mr. Larry Coats and Rev. Frank Harrison, his mentor on the Board of Ordination, to discuss Larry Coats' proposal concerning the need to move forward with his "Prodigal Son Ministry", therefore requesting an earlier date of ordination. The joint session was informed of the previous action by the Board of Ordination. A review of Mr. Coats' previous ministry, revocation of credentials, request for reinstatement and his goals as an OFWB minister were presented and discussed. Mr. Coats was invited to present his position in life and in his ministerial goals to the joint session. Mr. Coats presented his outline of The Prodigal Son Ministries. Questions were presented to Mr. Coats and answers were given. He stated that his desire was to be reinstated as soon as possible so he could move forward with his ministry. Mr. Coats was thanked for his presentation and response and he was lifted up in prayer by Rev. Jim Bogle prior to his departure.

Moderator Aubrey Williamson asked for a recommendation from the Executive Committee to the Ordination Board regarding the reinstatement of Mr. Larry Coats' credentials. A recommendation was made that the Ordination Board reinstate the credentials of Larry Coats, effective March 24, 2008, and he be notified of this affirmation tonight. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Executive Committee.

Rev. Frank Harrison made a recommendation to the Ordination Board to reinstate Mr. Larry Coats' credentials to be effective on March 1, 2008. Motion was made, seconded and passed. The Ordination Board was then dismissed from the joint session.

On Monday, March 23, 2008 The Board of Ordination met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at 1:00 pm. Board members present were: Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Joe Ballance and Rev. Jim Bogle.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The Board discussed Mr. John Butler to continue for 90 more days of service at Covenant in Hope Mills, NC. Motion was made, seconded and passed that he be allowed to continue. The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

On Monday June 23, 2008 The Board of Ordination met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at 1:00 pm. Board members present were: Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Joe Ballance and Rev. Aubrey Williamson.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The Board discussed Mr. John Butler to continue for 90 more days of service at Covenant in Hope Mills, NC. Motion was made, seconded and passed that he be allowed to continue. The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

On Monday August 25, 2008 The Board of Ordination met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield at 1:00 pm. Board members present were: Dr. Sam Weeks, Rev. Frank Harrison, Rev. Joe Ballance, Rev. Aubrey Williamson and Rev. Jim Bogle.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The Board met with Mr. John Butler concerning continuing for 90 more days of service at Covenant in Hope Mills, NC. Motion was made, seconded and passed that he be allowed to continue. The Board discussed the receipt of a letter from Johnston Union Church concerning Tina W. Penny. It noted that her license would not be renewed for the year. The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Ordination of the Cape Fear Conference
Rev. Aubrey Williamson, Clerk

The Report of the Minister's Association 154th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

During the past year, the Cape Fear Minister's Association met for three meetings. Several good speakers made presentations that provided us with excellent information and challenged each of the ministers to work for the cause of Christ.

Our guest speaker in March was Mr. Gary Lee, Director of The Free Will Baptist Children's Home who gave us an update on this denominational ministry. Dr. De Eakes, pastor of Little Rock OFWB Church in Lucama, was the guest speaker for the June meeting who gave us a lesson on bulletin preparation for the enhancement of the worship service. For the meeting in August, the guest speaker was Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Founder and President of The North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries who explained how an endowment can be given to the foundation to further the education of ministers.

We have 27 ministers on roll with an average attendance of 10 ministers at each meeting. The meetings were held at the First Free Will Baptist church in Smithfield. Dr. Sam Weeks and his wife, Connie, with assistance from members of his church, prepared the noon meals following each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joe Ballance, Secretary/Treasurer

Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry Report 154th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The Blended Fellowship family wishes to express deep and sincere appreciation to the Cape Fear Conference for your continuing support. We are continuing to share the gospel message with the Deaf. To accomplish this crucial task, we cannot simply hand out literature or invite the Deaf to come worship with us. Trust must be established and relationships must be built. Time, energy, prayer, financial resources,

patience and love must be invested. Your help in providing any of these resources touches a culture that is almost entirely non-Christian. Our most urgent need is a new roof to stop the damage being done to the work and materials donated by many of you.

Blended Fellowship gratefully acknowledges the recent establishment of the Blended Fellowship Endowed Fund. We appreciate the work of Dr. Burkette Raper and The North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries in creating this fund. We also want to thank those who made the initial contributions to the fund; Dr. Raper, The Reverend Sam and Connie Weeks, The Reverend Frank Harrison and The Reverend Emmitt Jones.

Blended Fellowship's connections with the Deaf continue to strengthen. Of the more than 200 Deaf we are currently in contact with, most have had little or no interaction with any religious group, other than Jehovah's Witnesses. A small percentage have been contacted by an outreach established by Southern Baptists, though this outreach seems to have had limited impact. We believe God has called us to this specific work and equipped us for it. We now have 40 Deaf individuals who worship with us regularly. All of the other 160 or so come periodically to our special events.

We are continuing to expand as a resource center for the Deaf and for hearing people who are interested in ministry to the Deaf. There are currently 13 Deaf who receive regular weekly assistance with making phone calls, understanding mail they receive, managing a budget and other day to day activities. As a hearing resource center, we are offering sign language and Deaf culture training to our hearing members as well as 12 individuals from other churches.

As a denomination, we minister to the needs of children, the elderly, students, cultures in foreign lands, etc. The local congregation of Blended Fellowship supports these ministries and others. We believe that ministry to the Deaf culture is of equal importance. Some years ago, there was a ministry to the Deaf established by people in our denomination. That work ended and the Deaf involved were deeply hurt. We want to make sure that doesn't happen again and that Blended Fellowship will continue far beyond the lifetime of its founders.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Seymour, Pastor/Director

Cape Fear Conference Woman's Auxiliary Report

The Woman's Auxiliary reminded the conference that the women of this denomination continue to work faithfully (often in the background) to promote the cause of Christ. New officers will be elected in the Spring, 2009, and there is a need for a few good women who would be willing to serve as officers. Please let Carolyn Best or Rita Jones know if you have any candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Parsons

Cape Fear Youth Fellowship Report

The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship attendance is continuing to decline. At the last Youth Rally there were four churches represented and two pastors present. Concern was addressed to pastors, auxiliary presidents and youth leaders due to the lack of participation. Encouragement of attendance was expressed. It was noted that literature regarding upcoming dates of youth events had been distributed. Prayers were requested for growth and participation in concern for the youth of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Parsons, Co-Director

Christian Board of Education Report 154th Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Letters were mailed to all Cape Fear Conference churches on March 20, 2008. There were six high school senior applications received for scholarships. There were sufficient funds to award each applicant with a scholarship; however, there was not enough money for each applicant to receive \$500.00. Listed below is the name of each recipient and their church affiliation.

1 st Place	Natalie Starr Tart	St. Paul OFWB Church	\$500.00
2 nd Place	Rebecca Crumpler	Shady Grove OFWB Church	\$140.00
3 rd Place	Morgan Yvette Sills	Shady Grove OFWB Church	\$140.00
4 th Place	Brenna Kay Parker	Bethel OFWB Church	\$140.00
4 th Place	Carmen Dianne Etheridge	Yelverton Grove OFWB Church	\$140.00
5 th Place	Marcus D. Hope	St. Paul OFWB Church	\$140.00

Each applicant was highly qualified. A point system is used to determine scholarship distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Parsons, Chairperson

Temperance and Resolutions Committee

1. **Whereas**, Powhatan OFWB Church has been such a gracious host and welcoming church of the 154th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Cape Fear Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the Powhatan OFWB Church.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Resolution adopted

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference has been closely involved with the Blended Fellowship Mission/Ministry and

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference has been so supportive of our ministry objectives.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Cape Fear Conference appoint a task force to research the feasibility of establishing Blended Fellowship as a ministry of the Cape Fear Conference. This task force should include the following: the Conference Mission Board (the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference), the Reverend Dean Kennedy, pastor of Haymount Original Free Will Baptist Church (the mother church), and Rev. Doug and Melanie Seymour. The results and/or recommendations of the task force would be presented to the 155th Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference in 2009.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee

Resolution adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Otis Hamm, Chair

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee do offer the following report to the 154th Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Since the 153rd Session of our Conference, we have had three ministers and one minister's wife to go home to our Lord and they are as follows:

The Reverend Norman Ard
Pastored First OFWB Church, Goldsboro
Retired at time of death

February, 2008

The Reverend W.J. Tyner
Pastored Spring Hill OFWB, Black Jack OFWB,
Daly's Chapel and Eastover of Fayetteville
Retired at time of death

April, 2008

The Reverend David Hill
Pastored Sweet Gum Grove
Retired at time of death

November, 2008

Mrs. Betty Lee
Wife of Rev. John Rayford Lee
Member of Bethel OFWB Church

August, 2008

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Scripture readings were from II Corinthians 4: 6-18 and II Corinthians 5: 1-9. Everyone stood for a moment of silent prayer and Rev. Braxton Carter gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James Corbett, Chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

Executive Committee-	Moderator, Aubrey Williamson (2010)
	Assistant Moderator, Otis Hamm (2010)
	Treasurer, Sam Weeks (2010)
Board of Trustee-	Ray Smith (2013)
Board of Education-	Peyton Lee (2013)
Ordaining Board-	Aubrey Williamson (2013)
Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator-	Ricky Warren (2010)

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Baker, Chair

Credentials Committee

Present at the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of Cape Fear Conference are as follows:

Ministers	37	
Delegates	29	
Visitors	24	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>3</u>	
Total	93	(Several workers not counted)

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ballance, Chair

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**Cape Fear Conference Treasurer's Report
November 12, 2007 - November 10, 2008
Powhatan OFWB Church
November 11, 2008**

I.	Balance on hand as of November 12, 2007:	\$2,017.70
II.	Receipts:	
	2007 Conference (offering and letters)	\$2,210.00
	Union offerings and letters (Jan/Mar/Jun/Aug)	\$2,889.86
	Late Conference/Union (Mailed in)	\$680.00
	Designated Gifts for Blended Fellowship Mission	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
	Total Receipts:	\$8,979.86
	Total to account for:	\$10,997.56
III.	Disbursements:	
	Conf/Union Expenses (Postage, travel, honorariums)	\$684.66
	N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries	1,200.00
	Foreign Missions	456.61
	Home Missions	\$456.60
	Education Scholarship	\$1,200.00
	Blended Fellowship Designated Gifts	\$3,200.00
	Convention of OFWB (2007 Report Books)	\$735.00
	Convention of OFWB (Delegates and travel)	1,580.00
	4 Christian Flags	<u>\$384.64</u>
	Total Disbursements:	\$10,197.51
IV.	Balance on hand as of November 10, 2008:	\$800.05
	(Out of this balance \$224.82 is in the Education Fund)	
V	Formula for disbursements:	
	Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home)	
	Christian Education Fund = 20%	
	Union and Conference expenses = 55%	

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Weeks, Treasurer

Central

Minutes

of the

260th Annual Session

of the

Central Conference

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

Held with

Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville

Greene County, North Carolina

Thursday, November 6, 2008

The Reverend Jack Weathersby, Host Pastor

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Phillip Boykin

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Johnny Sullivan

Clerk: The Reverend Alan Joyner

Assistant Clerk: The Reverend Mark Hobbs

Treasurer: The Reverend Charles Branch

Boards and Committees

Executive Committee (2008-2010)

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator

The Reverend Johnny Sullivan, Assistant Moderator

The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk

The Reverend Mark Hobbs, Assistant Clerk

The Reverend Charles Branch, Treasurer

Board of Ordination

The Reverend C.H. Overman (2009)

The Reverend Tony Glass (2010)

The Reverend Frank Flowers (2011)

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett (2012)

The Reverend Leon Grubbs (2013)

Board of Trustees

Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

Mrs. Barbara Mills (2010)

Mr. Rex Wainwright (2011)

Representation of Membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

• The Reverend Tony Parrish (2010)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Frank Cockrell (2009)

The Reverend Marc Boswell (2010)

The Reverend Doug Owens (2011)

Memorial Committee

Mr. Jay Tripp (2009)

The Reverend Tony Parrish (2010)

The Reverend Charles Russell (2011)

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt (2010)

Representative of Membership in Church Finance Association, Inc.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds (2010)

Continuing Education Committee

The Reverend Barry Williamson (2009)

The Reverend Bryant Hines (2010)

The Reverend Doug Tyson (2011)

Church Growth Committee

The Reverend Todd Sutton (2009)

The Reverend Jack Weathersby (2010)

The Reverend Kelley Smart (2011)

Proceedings

The Central Conference, being the continuation of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened in its 260th annual session with Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Farmville, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

The Conference opened with the hymn, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Mr. Keith Phillips read scripture taken from Psalm 96 and led us in prayer.

The Reverend Alan Joyner, clerk, called the 260th annual session to order. The Reverend Jack Weathersby, pastor of the host church, extended a cordial welcome to the Conference.

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, moderator, shared several points using Philippians 4:8 as his text. Phillip reminded each of us that we as the people of God's church are called to do things differently than the world around us. We are a people that understand what love is about and we should be busy loving each other and sharing it with others around us. Phillip read to us "Attitude" by Charles Swindoll. We were then lead in a time of prayer by the Reverend Boykin.

The people of the conference were then asked to meet at least two people that we did not get to see on a regular basis and welcome them to the conference. Everyone really enjoyed the time of fellowship.

The roll of churches was called with 38 churches responding with delegates.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Resolutions Committee: Reverends Gary Bailey, Barry Williamson, Tony Parrish
Parliamentarian: Dr. Michael Pelt

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the clerk. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The report of the Board of Ordination was read by Reverend Tony Glass. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Tony Glass presented the motion from the Board of Ordination. [see Reports]

Representing the denominational and conference ministries were as follows:

Sunday School: Mrs. Mary Dudley, Retirement Homes: Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Children's Home: Mr. Gary Lee, Church Finance Association: Reverend Walter Reynolds, Free Will Baptist Press: Mr. Darren Davenport, Foreign Missions: Reverend Harold Jones,

Mount Olive College: Reverend Jeff Daughtry, Ministers Program: Reverend Phillip Boykin, Cragmont Assembly: Reverend Bryant Hines, Youth Commission: Reverend John Hill, Home Mission and Evangelism and Disaster Relief: Reverend Buddy Sasser, Convention Services: Reverend Buddy Sasser, NC Foundation for Christian Ministries: Reverend Dr. Burkette Raper

At 11:05 a.m. the Conference business was set aside for the worship service. The Reverend Jack Weathersby opened our worship with special music. The service was opened in prayer by Reverend Phillip Boykin. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan in the singing of "Praise Him! Praise Him!" The offering for the conference was then received and the offertory prayer was given by Reverend Alan Joyner. Special music was presented by Mrs. Jennifer Walters. The Reverend Charles Branch led in the Morning Prayer. The congregation was then led by Reverend Johnny Sullivan in the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story." The Reverend Doctor Don Ribeiro delivered the conference sermon. Reverend Ribeiro used Malachi 3:6, John 1:1, and Mark 12:28-34 as his text for the message. He said there is a word that we have all heard about over the past few months leading to the election and that word is, "change." There have been a lot of changes that have taken place over the years and the last few weeks. Those changes have included life, people, music, the world, and government. But even with all of those changes there is the one constant that never changes and that is God and God's Word. God and God's Word have stood the test of time and will continue to do so. It is because of that constant, that loving God should be the focal point of being a Christian. If that is our focus, then what is most important in our lives? If we are a people that love God with our heart it will cause us to make changes in things such as our friends and our language. To love God will require a new focus with our minds. It will become such a part of who we are that we will put all of our strength there. We will see that everyone around us is our neighbor. But there are things in our lives that cause us to stray; they were described as the "sins" of life. The list includes busyness, tiredness, bitterness, selfishness, laziness (complacency), ineffectiveness, and nothingness. These ideas will cause us to miss the mark of loving God. We were reminded to get back to our first love of Jesus Christ so we will not be like those spoken of in Revelation 2. We should get back to the basics of love because of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary.

The worship service concluded with the singing of "Just As I Am" and a corporate reading of an affirmation of faith based on our Articles of Faith.

The service was closed as Reverend Mark Hobbs led us in the first verse of "O How I Love Jesus."

The Conference recessed for the noon meal at 12 p.m. with prayer by Reverend Jack Weathersby.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

We began our Memorial service with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God."
The Reverends Charles Russell, Tony Parrish, and Mr. Jay Tripp gave the report of the Memorial Committee. By motion the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, moderator, along with the Conference extended a welcome to Calvin Craft, and Joshua Hobgood as licensed ministers.

The roll call of ministers was called with 54 ministers present.

The Reverend Frank Cockrell gave the report of the Credentials Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Charles Branch gave the Treasurer's Report. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

By motion, it was agreed to accept the proposed Conference budget for 2008-2009.

The Reverend Jack Weathersby gave the report of the Church Growth Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Barry Williamson gave the report of the Continuing Education Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The Reverend Philip Wood gave the report of the Nominating Committee. By motion, the report was adopted. [see Reports]

The nominees were elected by acclamation.

The Reverend Barry Williamson gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. [see Reports]

The moderator called for miscellaneous business. [see Reports]

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator and Reverend Johnny Sullivan Assistant Moderator, presented certificates to the following ministers in recognition of years of service: [40 years] Reverend Leon Grubbs, [35 years] Reverend Bobby Taylor, [30 years] Reverend Grady Tucker, Reverend Ronnie Hobgood, [25 years], Reverend Ronald Braxton Reverend Greg Mills, and Reverend Donald Ribeiro.

The Conference was adjourned by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Conference was dismissed with prayer by the congregation as they recited "The Lord's Prayer."

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Moderator
The Reverend Alan Joyner, Clerk

Central

Reports

Report of the Executive Committee

January 3, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on January 3, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from II Corinthians 5:20. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the 259th session of the Central Conference were read, corrected, and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

By motion, it was agreed during the Conference follow-up that there will be a letter sent from the moderator Reverend Phillip Boykin to each minister with unpaid dues asking that their dues need to be paid by March 1st. If there is no response, they will receive a phone call in further action they will be asked to meet with the Board of Ordination. A letter will also be sent to the chair of each Deacon board of the Central Conference churches that did not respond with contributions to the Central Conference asking for a response by April 1st.

By motion, it was agreed Reverend Phillip Boykin will serve as an appointed representative to the Board of Ordination (Moderators appointment). The Reverend Johnny Sullivan will serve as an appointed representative to the Church Growth Committee. The Reverend Mark Hobbs will serve as an appointed representative to the Continuing Education Committee.

Discussion was given concerning the item from the resolutions committee at the 2007 conference. Further discussion will take place.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be May 6, 2008 at 9:30 am at Daniel's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

May 6, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on May 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Daniel's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from II Corinthians 12:9. The Reverend Charles Branch opened with prayer.

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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

There was a report given by Reverend Phillip Boykin concerning the meeting at Sweet Gum Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. There was a letter read by the secretary that came from Sweet Gum Grove asking for prayer for their church.

Discussion was given concerning ministers with unpaid dues and further follow up that was needed. There will be a personal contact from the Executive Committee to these ministers. It was discussed further that next year the minister's dues need to be in two weeks prior to the conference and that if they are paying at the conference that they not pay the credentials committee but pay their dues to the treasurer. The dues cover from conference to conference.

By motion, it was agreed to send a letter to the Board of Ordination concerning Harry Jones Jr. asking them to drop his name due to inactivity. There have been numerous attempts to contact him but none have been successful.

By motion, it was agreed to reject the application from Saratoga Original Free Will Baptist church that came from The Church Growth and Evangelism Committee due to no contribution from the church to the conference. There will be a letter sent to the Church Growth Committee concerning this action.

There will be further discussion concerning the churches that do not send contributions to the conference each year.

The Board of Ordination has asked the Executive Committee with help in the following two areas:

By motion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee send guidelines (Search Committee policy) to each church that is currently seeking a pastor. This will be an ongoing item that will be sent to each church that is seeking a pastor in the future.

In the upcoming letters going to the ministers before the conference it will be changed to ask for the minister's current church membership.

The next meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be July 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Mark Hobbs

July 10, 2008,

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on July 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends

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Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from Psalm 84:1-2 followed by a devotion on the text. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report and by motion the report was approved.

Discussion was given concerning ministers with unpaid dues and further follow up that was needed. After further contact from Executive Committee members the dues are close to being up to date for all ministers.

The Executive Committee reviewed the letter that will be sent to the ministers before the upcoming conference.

Discussion was given concerning our upcoming 2008 conference for our speaker, music leader and committees that need to be in place at this conference.

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be October 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Johnny Sullivan.

August 18, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on August 18, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at Daniels Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order. The Reverend Phillip Boykin opened with prayer.

The Committee moved into Executive Session.

Upon coming out of Executive Session there were two motions as follows:

By motion the Executive Committee moved to hire C. David Creech of Harris, Creech, Ward & Blackerby, P.A. to represent the Central Conference in the lawsuit brought on by Leon Harris. Mr. Creech is also the lawyer representing Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The vote was unanimous.

By motion the Executive Committee moved to pay the attorney's fees from the North Carolina Central Conference Original Free Will Baptist money market fund. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by all the Executive Committee members.

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October 9, 2008,

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on October 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and read from Matthew 9:10 followed by a devotion on this text from God Sightings by Bass M. Mitchell. The Reverend Mark Hobbs opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Reverend Charles Branch presented the treasurer's report. It was amended and by motion the report was approved.

Discussion was given concerning the upcoming Conference to held be held at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville on November 6, 2008.

There was further discussion concerning the lawsuit being brought against Rose Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church and the Conference. We are still waiting to hear the latest from our lawyer.

The Committee moved into executive session.

Following the session there was no further business.

The next scheduled meeting of the Central Conference Executive Committee will be November 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Reverend Alan Joyner

November 6, 2008

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met on November 6, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church. Present for the meeting were the Reverends Phillip Boykin, Johnny Sullivan, Alan Joyner, Charles Branch, and Mark Hobbs. The Reverend Phillip Boykin called the meeting to order and lead in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee recommends that the conference give \$350 to the Convention office for new office equipment for the secretary.

By motion it was agreed to accept the order of the Conference and to allow the Moderator to make any necessary changes.

The meeting was adjourned by the Reverend Phillip Boykin.

Report of the Board of Ordination

Central Conference Board of Ordination

Rev. C.H. Overman, Chairman

Rev. Leon Grubbs

Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

Rev. Frank Flowers

Dr. Franklin Baggett

Meetings

The Board of Ordination has met four times since the last conference.

Approved For License

- Greg Barnes
- Calvin Craft
- Josh Hobgood

Ordained Minister

- Glen Batten

Scheduled meetings and of the Board of Ordination for the year 2009

January 13, 2009 at Hull Road Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

April 7, 2009 at Howell Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

July 14, 2009 at the Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters at 10 am.

October 13, 2009 at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10 am.

Inclusions to this report:

1. The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists in Section 1: The Local Congregation states the following on page 68 concerning the church's calling of a pastor: *"The church shall call its own pastor, from among the duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers who are approved by the Conference of which the church is a member."*
2. We wish to remind any church in our Conference, when extending a call to a minister to serve as your pastor, to be sure that the minister gets proper clearance from the Conference Board of Ordination before assuming duties as pastor of the church.
3. All candidates for ordination in the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists must take and pass the Ordination Examination.

Motions from Board of Ordination to the 260th Session of the Central Conference

The Board of Ordination moves that all Central Conference Ordained Ministers must physically attend at least one Conference meeting every three years to maintain their

Conference Credentials. Exceptions will include those on active full time military duty, full time foreign missionaries and those confined to home or health care facilities. [*Motion Passed*]

Report of the Memorial Committee

Paul says in II Timothy 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing".

In our memorial service today, we want to remember those who have faithfully served the Lord through the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist, and gone on to enter their eternal reward. We thank God for the lives and influence of these individuals. For any names of deceased members not listed, or misspelled, we regret and apologize.

Churches and deceased members:

Aspen Grove

Gordon Owens
Donnie Hue Baker
James Gay
Ben Gardner
Horace Ellis

Ayden

Pauline Dixon Dail
Geneva Bryan Ritchie
James Mitchell McLawhorn

Bethany

Lucy Gray Dupree
Mary A.R. Smith
Mildred Savage
Jean Hamm
Jim Henry Tripp
Geneva Ann Cox

Black Jack

Ruth Stokes
Melba White
Maycie Culbreth
Bruce Mills
Louise Cox
Elmer Dixon

Community

Carolyn McKay
Ernest Edward Sweat
Gladys Brake

Daniels Chapel

William Lewis
Walter Gorman
Jeffrey Reason
Pearl Walston

Dilda's Grove

Edgewood

Carol York

Elm Grove

Catherine Louise Dennis
Helen Stancill
Betty B. Johnson

First FWB Church, Greenville

Ruth Taylor
Sudie L. Garriss
Marian L. Wilson
Dallas Tripp
Agnes Harris Baker
Gene P. Baker

First FWB Church, Rocky Mount

Eddie Holloman
Edwin Earl Gay
Walter Fred Corbett

First FWB Church, Tarboro

Irene Brown
Pearlie Andrews

Hugo

Joyce Jones
Corby Jones
Charles Johnson
Eddy McCoy

First FWB Church, Williamston

Hull Road

King's Crossroads

Edna Corbett
Geneva Tugwell

Free Union

Clara Patrick
Jo Ann Beaman Wade
Marie Eastman
Bill Stocks
Bernice Harrell
Ray Clark
Donnie Langston
Lessie Heath Barber

LaGrange

Mary Malpass
Ruby Gray
Edna Hart
Louie Kennedy

Friendship

Gertrude Beaman
Earl Strickland
Peggy Brann
Paul Stanley

Little Creek

Grimsley

Mollie Mae Nethercutt
Ronald Earl Murphy

Marlboro

Lossie Turner Wooten
David Arthur Moore
Myrtle Baily Nelson
Edna Wooten Beaman

Gum Swamp

Minnie Ruth Clark
Charlie Spain

Ormondsville

Harrell's Chapel

Otter's Creek

Eloise Crowder
Robert Barry
Shelby Sutton
Willie Lee Cayton

Hickory Grove

Doris Joyner
Dennis Warren

Owens Chapel

Hillside

Isolene Rhodes
Pastor Eldon Brock
Edna Smith
Roberta Griffin

Peace

Earl Askew
Ed Casey
Staton Cummings
Myrtle Lee Harrell
Margaret Webb

Howell Swamp

Elma B. Fulford
Julia T. Gay

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Piney Grove (Beaufort County)

Alton G. Ausbon

Otis Farmer

Jimmy Cumbee

Alton Cowin

Piney Grove (Pitt County)

Francis Cassick

Charlotte Crawford

Rosa Lee Boyd

Mac Beaman

Saint's Delight

W.D. Jarman

Jack Avery

Arthur Lee Bowen

Pleasant Hill

Saratoga

Marvin Langley

E. Jay Hogge Murray

Alice Langley

Reedy Branch

Joan Averette Hooks

Lena Rivers Horne

Burnice Smith

Brownie Tripp

Gladys Worthington

Spring Branch

Jimmy Mercer

Elaine Walston Blackmon

Rose Hill

Leonard Barham

Rubelle S. Pollard

Erma Ford

Lillian McDaniel

Hazel S. Dixon

Sweet Gum Grove

Walnut Creek

Sidney Allen Tilghman

Watery Branch

Rose of Sharon

E. D. Harrison

Winterville

Chessie Stox Robinson

Lighting of the Memorial Candle

A Moment of Silent Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Reverends Charles Russell, Tony Parrish, and Mr. Jay Tripp
November 6, 2008

Report of the Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, respectfully submit the following attendance totals subsequent to the approval of the conference:

Central Conference Delegates	47
Central Conference Ministers	49
Licensed Ministers	10
Visitors	17
Visiting Ministers	<u>7</u>
Total Registered	130

Respectfully submitted,
Reverends Doug Owens, Frank Cockrell, and Marc Boswell

Report of Conference Treasurer

Central Conference Treasurer's Report
31-October-08

*Balance from November 2007**\$807.03***Receipts**

Church Contributions	\$5,271.00
Conference Offering	\$407.00
Transferred from Savings	\$0.00
Endowment Income	\$1,820.35
Maury Endowment	\$227.54
Miscellaneous	
Minister Membership Dues	\$1,695.00

Total	<u>\$9,420.89</u>	<u>\$9,420.89</u>
Total Income plus starting balance		<u>\$10,227.92</u>

Disbursements

Centura Bank (Bank Charges)	\$0.00
Board of Ordination	\$0.00
Church Growth Committee	\$1,250.00
(Rose Hill - \$250.00; Free Union \$500.00, Friendship \$500.00)	
Conference Expenses	\$302.20
Conference programs and reports - \$ 302.20	
Continuing Education Committee	\$0.00
Convention of OFWB Support	\$500.00
Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$770.00
Executive Committee Expenses	\$245.60

Office Supplies	\$195.75
Conference Secretary	
Conference Treasurer	
Miscellaneous	\$300.00
Pastor's Banquet	
Non-Budgeted items	\$2,200.00
Bobby Taylor Endowment - \$1,000.00	
North Carolina Foundation of Christian Ministries -	
\$1,200.00	

Endowment for Ministerial Students	\$2,000.00	
Total Disbursements		\$7,763.55

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Total in Checking account as of October 06, 2008 **\$2,464.37**

Money Market in RBC		\$15,176.22
Interest 10/31	\$ 47.20	
Interest 11/30	\$ 43.77	
Interest 12-31	\$ 43.38	
Interest 1-31-08	\$ 39.65	
Interest 2-29-08	\$ 30.55	
Interest 3-31-08	\$ 30.26	
Interest 4-30-08	\$ 22.95	
Interest 5-30-08	\$ 22.88	
Interest 6-30-08	\$ 23.57	
Interest 7-30-08	\$ 25.99	
Interest 8-30-08	\$ 26.00	
Interest 9-30-08	\$ 22.98	

Total	\$ 379.18	\$15,555.40
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Central Conference Endowment Fund **\$60,000.00**

(See minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)

Interest for 2008

Jan, Feb, March interest due \$450.00

Apr., May, June interest due \$453.38

July, Aug., Sept, interest due \$456.78

Total	\$60,000.00
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Total

Maury Endowment Fund (For Annual Training Conference) **\$7,500.00**

(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)

Interest for 2008

Total	\$7,500.00
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Jan, Feb, March interest due \$56.25

Apr., May, June interest due \$56.67

July, Aug., Sept., interest due \$57.10

Total	\$7,500.00
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Total

Central Conference CD

(Opened 02/14/05 - Mature Date 05/14/06) 3.10% \$35,000.00

Interest for 2005 \$912.35

Interest for 2006 \$1,066.31

(Renewed 05/15/06 - Mature Date 06/15/2007) 5.00% APY

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Interest for 2006-2007	\$1,374.86
(Renewed 06/15/07 - Mature Date 07/15/08) 5.20% APY	
Interest for 2007-2008	\$2,165.62
(Renewed 07/15/08 - Mature Date 05/15/09) 4.15% APY	
TOTAL	\$40,519.14

TOTAL OF ALL MONIES	
(not including interest from Church Finance)	\$126,038.91

Report of the Church Growth Committee

During the 2007/2008 year the Church Growth and Evangelism Committee approved the following requests for aid:

Rose Hill OFWB Church received \$250 to assist with starting a clown ministry. The ministry would allow children, youth, and adults to work within the church and community (nursing homes, sister churches, hospitals, parades, etc.) to spread the Gospel in a unique way. The funds would help with training materials, props, costumes, and help the church grow through fellowship, evangelism, and outreach.

Free Union OFWB Church received \$500 to assist with their trip to Winter Xtreme in Gatlinburg, TN. Winter Xtreme is a conference that helps equip youth and their leaders through workshops, worship, and music to live their faith more effectively. This year's conference placed a major emphasis on Christian apologetics and sharing one's beliefs.

Friendship OFWB Church received \$500 to help with their trip to Dare 2 Share in Washington, DC. This conference equips youth through workshops and hands on evangelism experiences to share the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Kelley Smart – Chair
The Reverend Todd Sutton
The Reverend Jack Weathersby
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan

Report of the Continuing Education Committee
Continuing Education Units

The purpose of the Central Conference Continuing Education Program is to help our ministers with the practice of life-long learning. By continuing their education Central Conference ordained ministers will continue to grow in their spiritual walk with Christ and as they grow they will be better equipped to serve the churches of the Central Conference. As the leadership of the churches grow the church itself will grow, therefore the growth and continuing education of the ministers is vital to the growth of the church. It is imperative that the ministers of the Central Conference follow the advice given to Timothy by Paul when he said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Guidelines

Continuing Education Units (henceforth referred to as CEU's) will be based on educational opportunities. These would include reading a book, attending a seminar or class, or taking a college or seminary class. Books that are read must be submitted with the following information: name of book, author, publisher, dates the book was read and a typed 150-word summary and application of the book. Seminars must be submitted with the following information: organization that sponsored the seminar, presenter's name, length of seminar, and a typed 150-word summary and application of the seminar. College or seminary courses must be submitted with the following information: College or seminary where class was taken, professor's name, copy of the syllabus, and typed 150-word summary and application of the class.

Credits

CEU credits will be given according to the following scale:

Books: up to 200 pages ½ CEU; 200-400 pages 1 CEU. Books over 400 pages will be considered on an individual basis.

Seminars: 3-5 hour seminar ½ CEU; 6-10 hour seminar 1 CEU. Seminar over ten hours will be considered on an individual basis.

College or Seminary Class: If the class is taken from an accredited institution (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada) one will receive 4 CEUs for each credit hour. (Credit hour equals one hour per week in class for sixteen weeks; for example if you take a 3 credit hour course you will receive 12 CEUs.) If the course is taken from an institution that is not accredited by SACS or ATS, then it will be considered on an individual basis.

Areas of Study

Biblical Studies: This includes any area of study from the Bible such as books of the Bible, themes, authors, or historical information from the Bible.

Historical Studies: This includes History of the Christian Church, Free Will Baptist Denomination, or Local Churches.

Theological Studies: This includes areas of studies from the following: Prolegomena, Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Anthropology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, etc.

Practical Studies: This includes area of studies concerning the working and growth of the local church, pastoral care, counseling, leadership, administration, evangelism, preaching and worship.

Spiritual Formation Studies: This includes area of studies concerning maturity of Christians.

Procedures

To receive credit work must be submitted to the Continuing Education Committee. Proper documentation must be submitted along with the Continuing Education Committee Form. The committee will review all work and the committee will send notification to the one who submitted the work and also the Board of Ordination.

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Respectfully submitted,
Reverends Doug Tyson, Barry Williamson and Bryant Hines

Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Committee

Moderator (2010)	Reverend Phillip Boykin
Assistant Moderator (2010)	Reverend Johnny Sullivan
Clerk (2010) '	Reverend Alan Joyner
Assistant Clerk (2010)	Reverend Mark Hobbs
Treasurer (2010)	Reverend Charles Branch

Board of Ordination

Reverend Leon Grubbs 2013

Board of Trustees

Mr. Rex Wainwright 2011

FWB Press Foundation Representative

Reverend Tony Parrish 2010

Credentials Committee

Reverend Doug Owens 2011

Memorial Committee

Reverend Charles Russell 2011

Conference Historian

Dr. Michael Pelt 2010

Church Finance Association Representative

Mr. I. Z. Cobb 2010

Continuing Education Committee

Reverend Doug Tyson 2011

Church Growth Committee

Reverend Kelley Smart 2011

Respectfully submitted;
Reverend Philip Wood, Chairman
Reverend Bryant Hines
Reverend Kelley Smart

Report of the Resolution Committee

We, the resolution committee, submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that the 260th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Friendship FWB Church of Farmville, North Carolina for extending its hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of said conference. [*Passed*]

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2. Be it resolved that the 260th Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Reverend Doctor Donald Ribeiro for an inspiring and challenging message... (and request that the message be printed in *The Free Will Baptist*.) [*Passed*]
3. Be it resolved that we strongly urge everyone to continue to lift up in prayer the work of our denomination, prayer for continual spiritual growth in our churches, families, our nation and its leaders. [*Passed*]
4. Be it resolved that we give the Executive Committee a rising vote of appreciation for their diligent work during the past year. [*Passed*]
5. Whereas the Central Conference was a defendant in a recent lawsuit brought by a former minister regarding the termination of his credentials,
Therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination cooperatively select a committee to write procedures for suspension of ministers who have been charged with criminal conduct and termination of ministers who have been found guilty of criminal charges or immoral acts.
Also, be it recommended that Mr. Charles McLawhorn, Attorney at Law and member of Reedy Branch OFWB Church, and the Reverend Harry Grubbs, Chaplain at Maury Correctional Institution and pastor of Ayden OFWB Church, be asked to serve on the committee. [*Passed*]

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Barry Williamson, Chairman
The Reverend Gary M. Bailey
The Reverend Tony Parrish

Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was made for \$350 to be sent to the Convention office for new office equipment for the secretary. [*Motion Passed*]

A motion was made for \$1800 to be given to Foreign Missions for the new mission work in Liberia. [*Motion Passed*]

A motion was made for \$1200 to be given to the N. C. Foundation for Christian Ministries. [*Motion Passed*]

King's Crossroads Original Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, N. C. has asked to host the 2009 Central Conference.

Roll Call of Churches

Central

CHURCH	LETTER	DELEGATES	CONTRIBUTION
Aspen Grove	Yes		Yes
Ayden	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bethany	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black Jack	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community	Yes		Yes
Daniel's Chapel	Yes		Yes
Dilda's Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edgewood	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elm Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Union	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friendship	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenville, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grimsely	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gum Swamp	Yes		Yes
Harrell's Chapel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hickory Grove	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hillside	Yes		Yes
Howell Swamp	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hugo	Yes		Yes
Hull Road		Yes	
King's Cross Roads	Yes	Yes	Yes
La Grange, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Little Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marlboro	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ormondsville		Yes	Yes
Otter's Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Owens Chapel	Yes		Yes
Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pleasant Hill			Yes
Reedy Branch	Yes		Yes
Rocky Mount, First	Yes		Yes
Rose Hill	Yes	Yes	
Rose of Sharon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saint's Delight	Yes		Yes
Saratoga	Yes		Yes
Spring Branch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweet Gum Grove			
Tarboro, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walnut Creek	Yes		Yes
Watery Branch	Yes		
Williamston, First	Yes	Yes	Yes
Winterville	Yes		Yes

Roll of Central Conference Ministers by Seniority

ORDAINED MINISTERS	Ordained	2006	2007	2008
J.B. Narron	10/13/50	Retired P	Retired	Retired P
Michael Pelt	09/30/50	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Willis Wilson	12/28/54	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
C.H. Overman	08/30/52	P	P	Retired P
Stewart Humphrey	11/10/66	L	L	L
Charles Branch	01/05/69	P	P	P
Bruce Jones	09/05/71	P	E	P
Gary Bailey	07/12/72	L	P	P
Walter Reynolds	07/30/49	P	Retired P	Retired P
Tom Miller	07/02/67	P	P	L
Bobby Taylor	11/02/73	P	P	P
Leon Grubbs	09/05/68	P	P	A
Ronnie Hobgood	08/13/78	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/59	L	L	P
Earl Glenn	11/02/49	Retired	Retired	Retired P
Harry Grubbs	02/24/67	P	P	L
Frank Flowers	06/02/72	P	Retired P	Retired P
Clifford Ball	08/20/81	P	P	L
Ray Williamson	05/11/77	P	P	A
Mark Hobbs	11/20/80	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	02/03/83	P	L	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/83	A	A	P
Stanley Buck	09/17/76	P	P	P
David Langley	10/05/87	P	L	P
Philip Wood	05/12/79	P	P	P
Norwood Futrell	09/20/51	Retired	Retired	Retired
Thomas Bowen	11/25/90	P	P	P
Harry Jones, Jr.	10/27/91	A	A	A
Larry Letchworth	08/23/92	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	08/23/92	L	P	E
Walt Tyndall	08/08/93	A	E	L
Jack Weathersby	02/27/94	P	P	P
Joey Williams	01/15/95	L	P	P
Mark Hogan	09/06/86	A	A	A
Frankie Baggett	10/22/87	P	P	P
Grady Tucker	12/06/78	P	P	Retired P
Brad Williamson	06/28/98	P	L	P
John Robert Harris	08/27/95	A	P	P
Edward Thornton	03/10/81	P	P	P
Tony Glass	03/28/99	P	E	P
Frank Cockrell	11/07/99	P	P	P

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Johnny Sullivan	05/21/00	P	L	P
Kevin Jackson	12/26/82	P	P	P
Barry Williamson	09/17/00	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	02/11/96	L	L	L
John Simpson	04/29/01	P	A	Retired
Doug Owens	05/06/01	P	P	P
Roger Haithcock	08/26/01	P	E	P
Philip Boykin	12/07/80	P	P	P
Charlie Carroll	07/10/94	P	A	L
Tony Parrish	11/09/88	P	P	P
Jacky Raper	06/08/88	P	P	P
Alan Joyner	02/08/04	P	P	P
James Owens	11/10/82	P	E	E
Greg Mills	12/28/83	P	L	L
Charles Russell	11/21/04	P	P	P
Kelley Smart	02/27/05	L	L	L
Michael Rowell	05/15/05	L	L	P
Charles Sutton	08/14/05	P	P	P
Doug Tyson	10/16/05	P	P	L
Alvin Keener		P	E	P
Marc Boswell	1/08/06	P	L	L
Arnold Price	69	P	P	P
Bobby Jones	74	P	E	A
Bryant Hines	06/07/79		E	P
Ronnie Mohn	3/80		E	P
Doug Skinner	07/02/72		E	P
Glenn Batten	10/25/08			P

LICENSED MINISTERS	Licensed	2006	2007	2008
Carlton Oakley	07/28/05	P	L	P
Matt Stocks	11/11/05	L	A	A
Brian Perry	07/10/06	P	L	A
James Wiggins	08/14/06	P	E	E
Dustin Bannister	11/09/06		L	E
Shannon Rodgers	11/09/06	L	L	P
Spencer Owens	4/24/07		A	L
Andy Sugg	10/16/07		E	P
Keith Phillips	10/17/07		P	P
Greg Barnes	1/08/08			L
Calvin Craft	4/08/08			P
Joshua Hobgood	7/08/08			P

P - Present
L - Letter

E - Excused
A - Absent

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
EASTERN CONFERENCE
of the
CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened with
Edwards Chapel OFWB Church
Beaufort, North Carolina
October 23, 2008

Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
As Elected at the 2008 Session

Officers of the Conference

Moderator: The Reverend Ronnie Taylor
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend John Mark Windley
Clerk: Mrs. Laura Monroe
Treasurer: Mr. Bill Cook
Member at Large: The Reverend James Gurganus

Executive Committee

The Reverend Ronnie Taylor (2010) Mr. Bill Cook (2010)
The Reverend John Mark Windley (2009) Mrs. Laura Monroe (2009)
The Reverend James Gurganus (2010)

Ministerial Examining Board

The Reverend Francis Garner (2009) The Reverend Mike Scott (2010)
The Reverend Adrian Grubbs (2011) The Reverend David C. Hansley (2012)
The Reverend Tim Heath (2013)

Board of Trustees

The Reverend Joe Crumpler (2009) Mr. Carroll Hawkins (2010)
The Reverend Mike Barnhill (2011)

Digest Committee

The Reverend Ashley Trogon (2009) Mrs. Nancy Cook (2010)
Mr. Josh Whitfield (2011)

Memorial Committee

The Reverend Walter Sutton (2009) The Reverend Ronnie Parker (2010)
The Reverend Mitchell Parker (2011)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Michael Ledbetter (2009) The Reverend Terry Coates (2010)
The Reverend Mickey Whitfield (2011)

Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere

Ms. Judy Kennedy (2009) Eastern Conference 3rd Union

Mr. Randy Blalock (2009)	Central Conference
The Reverend Owen Arthur (2009)	Eastern Conference 5 th Union
Mr. Victor Jones (2010)	Eastern Conference 3 rd Union
Ms. Audrey Quinn (2010)	Eastern Conference 5 th Union
Mr. Kenneth Hill (2010)	Eastern Conference 5 th Union
Ms. Lorraine Garner (2011)	Eastern Conference Carteret Union
The Reverend J. R. Clark (2011)	Eastern Conference Carteret Union
Mr. Ricky Price (2011)	Western Conference
Ms. Janet Jones (2011)	Eastern Conference 3 rd Union
Ms. Angie Toler (2012)	Eastern Conference 5 th Union
The Reverend Tim Lawrence (2012)	Eastern Conference Carteret Union
Ms. Faye Bryant (2013)	Pee Dee Association
The Reverend Ashley Summerlin (2013)	Eastern Conference 3 rd Union

Representative to the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation

Mr. Roy Wetherington (2009)

Morning Session

The 113th Annual Session of the Eastern Conference was called to order by The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Clerk.

Mrs. Lorraine Garner led the congregation in the singing of the hymns, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, I Will Serve Thee, and To God Be The Glory" with Mrs. Gail Heath as pianist.

The Reverend John Windley led in prayer.

The welcome was offered by Mr. Tom Tosto.

A response was offered by the Reverend Graham Lane.

The moderator recognized Visitors, Union Moderators, and Licensed Ministers.

The Moderator appointed and recognized persons to serve on the Resolutions Committee and as Parliamentarians.

The Moderator presented the Conference Address. Scripture: 1 Cor 3:9-11 was used to address the topic, "The Church Covenant."

By motion to adopt the report of the Credentials Committee. (see reports)

By motion to adopt the report of the Treasurer. (see reports)

By motion to adopt the report of the Executive Committee. (see reports)

By motion to adopt the report of the Ministerial Examining Board, (see reports)

The Reverends Mitchell Parker and Ronnie Taylor were extended the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the Eastern Conference.

The Memorial Committee conducted a service remembering those who have gone to be with the Lord since the last seating of the Conference. The Reverend David Vespar made opening comments and read from 1 Thessalonians: 4:13ff. The Reverend Ronnie Parker announced the names of the members who have gone to be with the Lord since last year. The Reverend Davie Brinson spoke about his wife Jean Brinson, The Reverend David C. Hansley spoke about Mrs. Kathleen Everett Kennedy, and Dr. Timothy Webber spoke about The Reverend Charles Richardson. The Reverend Walter Sutton led in prayer.

By motion to adopt the report of the Memorial Committee.

By motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. (see reports)

The floor was open for other nominations. Mrs. Judy Kennedy was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Reed Kennedy on the Board of Directors for Camp Vandemere for one year in the place of the nominating committee's nomination of Damon Kennedy.

By motion for nominations to cease and to elect the nominees by acclamation except for the one year term.

By vote Mrs. Judy Kennedy was elected to fill the one year term.

By motion to adopt the report of the Digest Committee. (see reports)

Report from the Woman's Auxiliary was received as information.

By motion, to receive the report of Camp Vandemere. (see reports)

The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services, was recognized and he called the representatives from the Denominational Ministries to give their reports. The Ministries reporting were: Sunday School Ministry, Foreign Missions, FWB Press Foundation, Children's Home, Mount Olive College, Cragmont, Retirement Homes, Minister's Program, Church Finance and Home Missions. The Reverend John Hill reported on the Youth Task Force and The Reverend Buddy Sasser reported on the Convention of OFWB.

The Reverend Tim Heath, Moderator, and the Reverend David Hansley made a presentation to the Reverend W. H. Willis for his many years of service to the denomination. He was presented with a plaque indicating that his name had been placed on the Wall of Honor at Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden, NC.

The Morning Worship service opened with Mrs. Gail Heath as pianist and Mrs. Lorraine Garner as song leader, leading the congregation in singing "Take My Life and Let It Be" and an offering being taken for Harvest Connection. The Reverends John Hill and Earl Sadler served as ushers and the Reverend Sadler asked God's Blessings on the offering. All ministers were asked to come forward and sing the hymn "Victory In Jesus." The Reverend David Smith delivered a wonderful message from Psalm 100 entitled "Christians Get Excited." A closing/invitation hymn, "I Surrender All" was sung and the dismissal prayer for the morning session and the blessing of the meal was led by The Reverend Wesley Taylor.

Afternoon Session

The Afternoon Session opened with Mrs. Lorraine Garner leading the congregation in singing, "I Am Thine O Lord".

The Reverend J. R. Clark gave a devotion from John 3:16 and lead in prayer.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper gave a report on the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministries. The report was received as information.

Mr. Roy Wetherington reported on the work of Harvest Connection Disaster Relief Ministry. The report was received as information.

Report of the Resolution Committee:

Resolution number one: Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Edwards Chapel OFWB Church for their great hospitality.

By motion to adopt this resolution.

Resolution number two: Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Eastern Conference Executive Committee for their diligence and labor to provide for us a great conference today.

By motion to adopt this resolution.

The floor was opened for business.

By motion for all unfinished business to be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee and that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Tim Heath, Moderator

The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Clerk

Conference Reports

Select Committees

Resolutions: The Reverends Neal Cox, J. R. Clark,
and Ashley Trogon

Nominating: The Reverend David Smith, Mrs. Angela Mattox
and Mrs. Mary Dudley

Parliamentarians: The Reverends Adrian Grubbs and
Dr. K. David Hines

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference of OFWB met nine times since the last seating of the Conference. The following motions were presented and adopted and the following business was attended too:

January 28, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

By proper motion the minutes from the October 25, 2007 Annual Conference were adopted as presented.

Much discussion took place on filling the Provost position at Mount Olive College.

The clerk was instructed to draft a letter to Bridgeton Church in reference to their requesting to withdraw from the Conference.

The clerk was instructed to send out a letter to the churches that have not responded to the Cragmont Challenge.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverends Tim Heath, John Windley, Dr. David Hines, and Mr. Bill Cook and Mr. Ronnie Taylor.

February 21, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

Discussion on a letter that had been drafted to Dr. William Byrd took place. By proper motion to send the letter to the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College instead of Dr. Byrd and that copies of the letter be presented to the Eastern Conference Ministers who are present at the training session on Monday night, February 25, 2008.

By proper motion that the Minutes of the Eastern Conference now at headquarters be placed in the Heritage Collection at Mount Olive College.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverends Tim Heath, Moderator; David Hines; John Windley; and Mr. Bill Cook, Treasurer; and Mr. Ronnie Taylor, Clerk. The Reverend David Hansley, Chairman of the Ministerial Examining Board, was in attendance at this meeting.

March 4, 2008. The Executive Committee met in a joint session with the Ministerial Examining Board at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

Much discussion took place about the hiring of a Provost at Mount Olive College and the course of action that the Eastern Conference should take.

By proper motion to ask the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to be placed on their March 18, 2008 meeting agenda to present our stand on the happenings at Mount Olive College.

By proper motion to accept the resignation of the Reverend Dr. K. David Hines from the Executive Committee of the Eastern Conference.

By proper motion to hold the disbursement of money from the endowments until a later date.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverend Tim Heath, the Reverend John Windley, Mr. Bill Cook, and Mr. Ronnie Taylor of the Executive Committee and from the Ministerial Examining Board: The Reverends David Hansley, Buddy Sasser, Adrian Grubbs, Mike Scott, and Francis Garner.

April 8, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

The Reverend Tim Heath reported on the meeting with the Executive Committee of the Convention on March 18, 2008 and also the meeting he attended with the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College. A

suggestion was made for Brother Heath to write a letter to the Board of Trustees to make sure they are aware of the concerns of the Eastern Conference.

By proper motion to appoint the Reverend Walter Sutton to fill the unexpired term of the Reverend Dr. K. David Hines as the at large member of the Executive Committee.

The following were appointed to the nominating committee for Eastern Conference: The Reverend David Smith, chair; the Reverend Francis Garner; Mrs. Mary Dudley; and Mrs. Angela Mattox.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverend Tim Heath, The Reverend John Windley, and Mr. Ronnie Taylor.

May 14, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at Faith Original Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead City on May 14, 2008.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss questions that had been asked of the Eastern Conference about the future of Faith OFWB Church. After introductions the church members were asked to voice their concerns.

After some discussion on the matters brought forth, the committee met in a closed session to discuss recommendations to the church and to Home Missions and Evangelism.

The Executive Committee determined that due to the actions that had already been taken by the church and Home Missions and Evangelism in signing the contract to go into the Harvest Covenant program, Phase III, the deed to the church property must be signed over to Home Missions and Evangelism. It was also stated that the church did not have the right not to sign the deed. The members were also told if this did not take place the future of the church was in doubt because of attendance and offerings that would not pay the bills.

After this discussion the members felt more at ease about what was happening in their church.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverend Tim Heath, the Reverend John Windley, Mr. Bill Cook, and Mr. Ronnie Taylor. Also present were The Reverend David Hansley, Executive Director of Home Missions and Evangelism and the Reverend James Gurganus, Director of Faith Training Center and several members of the church.

June 16, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

The Visionary Committee of Camp Vandemere met with the Executive Committee to discuss ideas on goals for the camp.

The Annual Conference program was discussed. The theme of the One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Conference will be "Working with Enthusiasm" which corresponds to the Convention theme. A representative from Edwards Chapel will be asked to do a welcome to the Conference with the Reverend Dr. Graham Lane giving the response. The moderator will appoint members to the Resolutions Committee, Ushers, and Parliamentarians at the Annual Conference. The Reverend Kevin Stott will be invited to bring the morning message with the Reverend David Smith as a backup if needed.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverend Tim Heath, the Reverend John Windley, the Reverend Walter Sutton, and Mr. Ronnie Taylor.

August 12, 2008. The Executive Committee met in a joint meeting with the Ministerial Examining Board at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

The program for the Annual Conference was presented and by proper motion to adopt the program with the following changes: The welcome will be given by Mr. Tom Tosto. The Reverend Buddy Sasser will give the report for the Examining Board. President Richard Daniels will give the Eastern Conference Layman's League report.

By proper motion to lease a copier for three years from COECO Office Systems. This copier will be a networking capable version and will cost \$194.65 per month. An annual service contract for 20,000 copies will be purchased for \$380.00 per year. The Reverend Heath will check with the convention to compare what the charge per copy for other groups using the copier should be.

By proper motion to have Home Missions and Evangelism Administrative Assistant keep the paper supply purchased and on hand and the Conference will be billed.

Faith OFWB Church in Leland, NC is currently behind in its payments. The financial loan note is cosigned by the Eastern Conference and Faith OFWB Church. The amount owed (as of 7-28-08) is \$24,912.33. The amount needed to bring the payments to date is \$6,239.75. The monthly payment is \$275.00 per month. It was agreed that the Eastern Conference must step in and take action. The actions include:

1. The loan must be caught up since it is in a default status and Church Finance is at a point that such action is imperative.
2. The Reverend Tim Heath's brother is willing to speak as a lay speaker for a short time especially pertaining to the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government.
3. Tim Heath suggested having a "fun day" to invite the community to get acquainted with the church.
4. There was a suggestion of changing the name of the church to Faith Worship Center.
5. A group from the Executive Committee will travel to Faith on August 31st and meet at 7:00 p.m. with the membership of the church. A delegation from the Ministerial Examining Board will accompany for issues concerning the present pastor who is not an Original Free Will Baptist minister.
6. The Conference will ask OFWB Home Missions and Evangelism if they will step in and take the responsibility of the church.

The Reverend David Hansley reported on Faith Training Center in Morehead City.

1. The facility is being remodeled and has several rooms that have been completed.
2. On November 29, 2008 the Carteret Union will be meeting at the facility at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence was received from Lanier's Chapel OFWB pertaining to issues with the pastor. Pastor Greg Nethercutt will be invited to meet with a joint session of the Executive Committee and the Ministerial Examining Board on September 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Correspondence was received from Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Murphy pertaining to the dismissal of the Reverend Wesley Taylor from Camp Vandemere. Brother Bill Cook said that the matter had already been thoroughly explained at Gethsemane Church where the Murphy's attend and no other explanation was necessary. By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: From the Executive Committee, The Reverends Tim Heath and John Windley and Mr. Bill Cook. From the Ministerial Examining Board The Reverends David Hansley, Adrian Grubbs, Mike Scott, Francis Garner, and Buddy Sasser.

September 15, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

Mrs. Mary Dudley, representing the Nominating Committee, met with the Executive Committee to discuss prospective nominees. Much discussion took

place and the Executive Committee made its recommendations to Mrs. Dudley to refer to the Nominating Committee.

A suggestion was made that the clerk includes in the minutes the conference memberships of the members of the Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere.

By proper motion to increase the amount from \$500.00 to \$2,200.00 to cover the expense of the Ministerial Examining Board for the upcoming training at Cragmont for Licensed Ministers.

The Ministry Assistance Program was discussed and several changes were made to the original proposal.

By proper motion that a recommendation be made to the Conference that \$50,000.00 be transferred from the Wilmington Endowment to establish the Ministry Assistance Program.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Member present: The Reverends Tim Heath, Ronnie Taylor, and Mr. Bill Cook.

October 20, 2008. The Executive Committee met in session at the headquarters in Kinston, NC.

The Ministry Assistance Partnership proposal with recommended changes was reviewed and it was decided that copies be made for the membership at the Eastern Conference Annual Seating.

Brother Bill Cook presented the treasurer's report for review before printing for the Annual Conference. By proper motion to adopt the treasurer's report as presented.

By proper motion to designate the Annual Conference offering to go to Harvest Connection.

By proper motion to increase Ordained and Licensed Ministers registration fee for the Annual Conference from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

By proper motion to increase from \$0.35 per mile to \$0.50 per mile for travel reimbursement for Examining Board and Executive Committee members.

The Annual Conference agenda and other items pertaining to the Annual Conference were discussed and made ready for printing.

By proper motion to adjourn.

Members present: The Reverends Tim Heath, John Windley, Walter Sutton, Ronnie Taylor, and Mr. Bill Cook.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Tim Heath, Moderator
The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Clerk

Report of the Ministerial Examining Board

The Eastern Conference Examining Board met nine (9) times since the last annual session of the Conference. We submit the following report:

MINISTERS ORDAINED

Mitchell Parker
Ronnie Taylor

Folkstone OFWB Church
Whaley's Chapel OFWB Church

APPROVED FOR ORDINATION

Ray Lewis

from Antioch OFWB Church

APPROVED FOR LICENSE

Kelvin Coates
Michael Wheeler

May's Chapel OFWB Church
Sandy Plain OFWB Church

LICENSES RENEWED

All licentiates have been properly renewed.

APPROVED FOR WORK IN THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Paul Grubbs
George Futrell

from Albemarle Conference
from Western Conference

CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT ISSUED TO

Jerry Sizemore

Recommendations to the Conference:

1. That the Reverends Mitchell Parker and Ronnie Taylor be extended the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Moderator and their name added to the list of duly ordained ministers of the Eastern Conference.
2. That the names of Kelvin Coates and Michael Wheeler be added to the list of licensed ministers by the Conference Clerk.
3. That our ministers, licensed and ordained, continue to abide by our Ministerial Code of Ethics.
4. That our churches abide by the "Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists" (of the English General Baptist Heritage) in regards to calling of duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers who are approved by the Eastern Conference.
5. That the motion adopted at the 2007 Session requiring all licensed ministers to have completed two years of preparation for ministry and one-half of their educational requirements before being considered for

the student minister program be modified to read, *All licensed ministers must have completed six months of preparation as a licensed minister and one-half of the educational requirements before being considered for the Ministerial Intern program in the Eastern Conference.*

6. That this report be properly received and its recommendations duly adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hansley, Chair
Buddy Sasser, Secretary
Francis Garner
Mike Scott
Adrian Grubbs

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Churches are reminded that they are to call ministers from the list of ordained OFWB ministers. Those ministers who are members of sister conferences must be cleared by the Eastern Conference Examining Board **before** being extended a call by the local congregation.

Eastern Conference ministers are reminded that they are **required** to properly register and attend the annual sessions of the Eastern Conference and the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Letters requesting excusal must contain the Conference registration fee (waived for retired ministers). Ministers who fail to attend two consecutive years without reasonable excuse are subject to censure and/or the revocation of their ministerial credentials.

We remind our churches that licensed ministers are not to hold offices in the Church or Sunday School of which they are a member so that they may have opportunity to preach and visit other churches. Licensed ministers may do short-term supply work in a church, **limited to ninety days**. They are encouraged to work as student ministers with experienced ministers to learn the work of the ministry. They may not officiate at weddings or administer the Ordinances of the Gospel. They may preach as they have opportunity, and they may officiate funerals. The license period is a one-year term, with a five-year limit to complete the requirements for ordination. If at any time the licensed minister allows his license to lapse, the entire process must be restarted beginning with the recommendation of the local church to the Ministerial Examining Board.

The 2008 Eastern Conference Basic Education Seminar will be held at Cragmont Assembly November 16-21. While required for licensed ministers, others may choose to attend for fellowship, inspiration, and continuing education. Advanced seminars are available upon request by a sufficient number of registrants

The Examining Board reminds all ministers licensed after October 19, 2001 of the requirement to attend annually at least one continuing education

workshop/seminar (such as those provided by the Sunday School Board) each year they are licensed.

The Ministerial Examining Board meets at the Conference Office in Kinston on the Monday following the second Sunday in the months of November, January, March, July, and September. These dates are subject to change. Individuals with business to be brought to the Board are requested to contact the secretary so that a time may be scheduled.

LICENSED MINISTERS OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE as of October 19, 2008

Carawan, John,	Lewis, Nick,	Smith, Bob
Coates, Kelvin	Lewis, Ray	Wheeler, Michael
Haddock, Duane (Butch)	Mattox, Angela	Whitfield, Josh

Report of the Credentials Committee

Ordained Ministers in attendance.....	62
Licensed Ministers in attendance.....	7
Visiting Ministers in Attendance.....	6
Delegates in attendance.....	40
Visitors in attendance.....	<u>38</u>
Total Attendance.....	153

Respectfully Submitted,
The Reverend Jesse Crisp, Chairperson
The Reverend Terry Coats
Mrs. Nancy D. Cook

Report of the Digest Committee

Number of Churches in Conference.....	74
Number Reporting.....	60
Contributions to the Conference.....	\$4,197.00
Church Members	
Active.....	4629
Inactive.....	3640
Total	8269
Members Received	
By Baptism	93
By Letter	74
Other.....	25
Members Lost	
By Death.....	98
By Letter	47
Other.....	0

Net Change.....	+4
Sunday School Members	301
Woman's Auxiliary Members.....	68
Layman's League	25
Youth Membership	50

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Victor Jones, Chair
The Reverend Ashley Trogon
Mrs. Nancy Cook

**Eastern Conference Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**

Receipts

Eastern Conference Offering Received and Registration Fees.....	\$ 4,193.00
Offering received at Eastern Conference.....	\$ 537.00
Offering received from Ordination for Terry Coates and Mitchell Parker	\$ 526.00
Interest received from Wilmington Endowment and Eastern Conference Endowment.....	\$ 4,439.79
Payments for Rooms and Meals at Eastern Conference At Cragmont.....	\$ 5,785.00
Donation to Cragmont New Heights Campaign.....	\$ 6,950.00
Total of Receipts.....	\$ 22,430.79
Balance as of July 1, 2007.....	\$ 8,831.07
Total to account for.....	\$ 31,261.86

Disbursements

Administrative Expenses – Executive and Examining Board.....	\$ 2,929.47
Interest from Eastern Conference Endowment and Wilmington.....	\$ 3,171.84
Endowment for 2007/2008 divided with Denominational Ministries	
Collection from Eastern Conference at Cragmont.....	\$ 537.00
Donation for Impact Banquet at Convention of OFWB.....	\$ 500.00
Refund to David Vespar for Room at Eastern Conference	\$ 150.00
Cost of Rooms and Meals at Cragmont for Eastern Conference.....	\$ 5,635.00
Total of Disbursement.....	\$ 12,923.31
Balance as of June 30, 2008.....	\$ 18,338.55
Total.....	\$ 31,261.86

Endowment and CD Report as Of June 30, 2008

CD.....	\$ 20,495.20
Wilmington Endowment.....	\$127,394.00
Eastern Conference.....	\$ 21,147.90

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Bill Cook, Treasurer

Report of the Nominating Committee

Executive Committee: The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Moderator (2010)
Mrs. Laura Monroe, Clerk (2009)
[to fill the unexpired term of The Reverend Ronnie Taylor]
Mr. Bill Cook, Treasurer (2010)
The Reverend James Gurganus, Member at Large (2010)

Ministerial Examining Board: The Reverend Tim Heath (2013)

Board of Trustees: The Reverend Mike Barnhill (2011)

Digest Committee: Mr. Josh Whitfield (2011)

Memorial Committee: The Reverend Mitchell Parker (2011)

Credentials Committee: The Reverend Mickey Whitfield (2011)

Board of Directors of Camp Vandemere: Mr. Damon Kennedy (2009)
[To fill the unexpired term of Reed Kennedy]
Ms. Faye Bryant (2013)
The Reverend Ashley Summerlin (2013)

The Reverend David Smith, Chairperson
Ms. Angela Mattox
Ms. Mary Dudley

Camp Vandemere Report to the Eastern Conference of OFWB Thursday, October 23, 2008

“O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth”, Psalm 43:3a

Greetings from the Board of Camp Vandemere

“God is good all the time.” Since the seating of last year’s Eastern Conference Annual Meeting, Camp Vandemere’s ministry has been blessed with many important happenings.

The board has been working diligently to retire the existing debt through donations and regularly scheduled budget payments. During the business session of the January board meeting, a motion was made to transfer money from the Church Finance Disaster Savings Fund to pay off the remaining loan balance. Also included in that motion was a clause to deposit the budgeted amount of the loan payment to the Disaster Savings Fund on a monthly basis to bring that account back to where it was at the time of the withdrawal. As of March 30, 2008, Camp Vandemere is debt free. The Lord keeps right on blessing.

Another blessing that was realized during the first part of 2008 was the opportunity that the board had to help our manager, The Reverend Wesley Taylor with educational expenses involved in his Holy Land trip. Unanimously, the board approved an additional amount of educational allowance to help with approximately half of the expense that was involved in Brother Wesley's once in a lifetime experience.

A group of UNC-Chapel Hill women rowers came to Camp Vandemere during March of this year to train on the waters surrounding the camp. Approximately 55 rowers and instructors stayed on site for training and utilized all facilities, including the chance to attend an evening worship service led by Brother Wesley. Once again, the camp had the opportunity to host a number of weeks of Summer Youth Camp and one Woman's Auxiliary Week. Over 550 youth and ladies had the chance to enjoy the spiritual renewal that one can receive from the camp environment. Under the direction of many dedicated directors and counselors, God prevailed in many campers' lives by instilling the Message through study, song and fellowship. There are not enough words to express the board's appreciation to everyone involved to make our summer camping season a huge success. Without you, the camp would not be able to operate and carryout the mission set forth some 40 years ago when Camp Vandemere started out.

Through a generous donation received this year, the camp was able to upgrade the RV sites down by the fishing pier. The existing eight sites, along with two newly created lots, have been made into full hook up spaces. They now include water, sewer and electrical options. This gives the camp a total of 20 full hook up RV sites for the enjoyment of year round camping with no manual waste disposal. Twenty 5 foot picnic tables were donated for each RV sites.

Annual Singing by the River activities were held Friday evening and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Inclement weather did not hold back the faithful supporters of Camp Vandemere. Approximately 75 attended Friday nights' program with around 170 coming down to the camp on Saturday. Thanks go out to everyone that made this annual event a success.

Our Annual Fishing Tournament will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, November 7th and 8th.

At the April Board Meeting, Brother Wesley gave his decision to resign as Camp Manager, giving the reason that he felt that now is the transition time for a new manager to take God's camp to the next level. Thanks go out to Wesley and his family for the years of service at Camp Vandemere. Your fervent prayers and support are requested during the upcoming months as the board goes forward in securing a new manager that will continue the work at hand.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the camp's ministry. Without you, the camp would not be able to supply the needed guidance for a lot of young people and young at heart.

Respectfully submitted,
Camp Vandemere Board of Directors

12 Month Financial Report

10/01/2007 thru 9/30/2008

Beginning Balance On Hand 10/01/2007.....**\$33,733.58.00**

Income Received:

Albemarle District.....	00
Cape Fear District.....	735.00
Central District.....	6,753.50
Eastern District.....	36,639.96
Pee Dee District.....	0.00
Piedmont District.....	200.00
Western District.....	7,355.00
Individual Contributions.....	23,454.19
Layman's League.....	1,131.85
Lighthouse Club.....	3,268.00
Woman's Auxiliary.....	1,175.00
Other Groups.....	762.09
Special Events.....	10,789.32

Camp Fees:

Dorms.....	8,644.00
Summer Camps.....	44,661.00
RV - Water & Electricity.....	810.00
RV - Full Hook up.....	12,536.75
Tent Sites.....	270.00
Use of Chapel.....	25.00
Use of Ground.....	500.00
Use of Kitchen & Dining Hall.....	1,655.00
Use of Pool.....	22.50
Lodges.....	9,341.00
Meals.....	6,670.00
Miscellaneous (UNC Rowing) ..	10,652.00

Total Camp Fees Received.....95,787.25

Promotional Sales.....5,941.36

Transferred from Savings to Retire Debt.....12,777.88

Total Income Received.....**\$206,770.40**

Ending Balance before Expenses.....**\$240,543.98**

Budgeted Expense:

Manager's Accountable Plan.....	30,763.64
Food Service Coordinator and Staff/Maint.....	14,330.20

Payroll Taxes.....	3,036.44	
Donations to Ministries and Miscellaneous.....	2,275.00	
Insurance - Multi-Peril.....	16,198.00	
Reimbursement to Disaster Fund.....	5,584.47	
Loan Principal and Interest Exp.....	21,819.93	
Accounting & Legal Fees.....	1,842.00	
Administrative Expense.....	3,059.78	
Advertising.....	974.69	
Contract Labor.....	2,298.50	
License.....	120.00	
Maintenance & Repair.....	25,104.99	
Linen & Cleaning Service.....	12,898.62	
Office Equipment & Repair.....	209.30	
Special Events.....	5,556.20	
Supplies, Groceries, Janitorial, etc.....	29,021.83	
Telephone.....	2,730.37	
Utilities.....	26,072.63	
Waste Control.....	3,663.76	
Non-budgeted Expenses:		
Designated Funds Expense.....	21,709.13	
Total Expenses.....		<u>\$229,269.48</u>
Ending Balance on Hand – 09/30/2008.....		<u>\$11,274.50</u>
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Ending Balance on Hand – 09/30/2008.....		\$11,274.50
Cash on Hand.....	\$8,178.70	
Designated Funds:		
Building Fund.....	856.00	
Camp Site Electrical Hook-Ups.....	87.93	
Camp Site Sewage Project.....	23.31	
Chapel Sound Booth.....	1,000.00	
Picnic Tables.....	100.00	
Gutter System – Dining & Dorms.....	350.00	
Roof Repair.....	750.00	
Sleeper Sofa.....	-71.44	
Total.....		\$11,274.50
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Funds at Church Finance:		
Disaster Fund (3.00% Interest).....	6,054.87	
Sumner Endowment (3.00% Interest).....	4,636.52	
Total.....		\$10,691.39
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Balance of Principle on Loans:		
#CF-1063-1-RD (4.50% Interest).....		Paid In Full

2008 BUDGET
January through December

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	...AMOUNT BUDGETED
Manager's Accountable Plan	\$ 32,100.00
Payroll Taxes.	3,910.00
Donations to Ministries and Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Insurance – Multi-peril	14,000.00
Loan Principal and Interest Exp-#CF-1063	\$ 10,800.00
Accounting Fees (Page and Smith)	1,500.00
Administrative Expenses	5,000.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Contract Labor	18,000.00
Dues (Christian Camping Association	800.00
License	100.00
Maintenance & Repair	16,950.00
Linen & Cleaning Service	7,500.00
Office Equipment & Repair	750.00
Supplies, Groceries, Janitorial, etc.	32,500.00
Telephone	2,250.00
Utilities	28,200.00
Waste Control	3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$181,860.00

Roll of Eastern Conference Ministers (Listed Alphabetically)

Ordained Minister	Ordination Date
Albertson, Dale	1977
Ard, Joe	10/23/86
Arthur, Owen	04/30/63
Barnhill, Mike	06/02/02
Bennett, McDonal	
Bryan, A.B	10/20/45
Bryan, Harry	1978
Bryan, Michael	07/98
Bulla, Tommy	01/21/01
Cannon, Joel	10/19/89
Chandler, Bobby	10/22/92
Chase, Gurney	
Clark, James R.	01/07
Coates, Terry	08/07
Coombs, Michael	02/13/05
Conner, Ray	10/20/86
Cox, Neal	10/21/99
Crisp, Jesse	07/24/05
Crumpler, Joe	04/02/77
Daughtry, Jeff	10/23/86
Dilley, Sherman	08/06/89
Drake, Ronnie	10/15/01

Ordained Minister	Ordination Date
Ellis, J.B	
English, Jerry	1965
Fader, Donald	08/78
Forsythe, Lewis	10/20/94
Fussell, Bob	10/18/77
Futch, Bill	11/62
Garner, Francis	11/12/63
Gaskins, Hillary	02/16/72
Grubbs, H. Adrian	04/63
Gurganus, James	05/27/80
Hansley, David	05/02/61
Hardison, Charles	1976
Hargrove, Steve	03/78
Heath, Timothy	11/11/85
Hill, Andrew	10/13/60
Hines, K. David	06/07/79
Hoult, Thomas	03/12/95
Houston, Foy	04/30/95
Jones, Ernest	10/21/99
Lane, A. Graham	07/29/53
Lawrence, Tim	
Ledbetter, W. Michael	1977
Nethercutt, Gregory	08/04/02
Parker, Ronnie	11/12/63
Parker, Mitchell	04/05/08
Peele, Owen	10/24/91
Prescott, Stephen	10/24/96
Randall, Doug	10/92
Roberts, Richard	03/11/81
Rouse, Bryce	02/08/68
Sadler, Earl	01/05
Sasser, Buddy	06/13/71
Scott, Mike	10/17/79
Simmons, Craig	04/28/79
Simpson, Grady	11/85
Singleton, Chris	01/70
Sizemore, Jerry	08/16/86
Smith, A.G	07/70
Smith, David	02/02/03
Sowers, James	11/04/81
Stancil, Greg	10/26/97
Stott, Kevin	10/12/92
Stroud, William	05/26/86
Summerlin, Ashley	04/91
Sumner, Eugene	1963

<u>Ordained Minister</u>	<u>Ordination Date</u>
Sutton, Walter	07/59
Taylor, O.B.	10/23/57
Taylor, Ronnie	07/12/08
Taylor, Wesley	
Terry, T.O.	05/31/48
Thigpen, R. Earl	10/19/95
Trogdon, Ashley	09/11/06
Vesper, David	08/31/83
Warning, Michael	11/01
Warren, James	
Watson, Gary	1972
Watson, Wayne	05/03/70
Webber, Timothy	01/24/82
Webster, Jimmy	09/08/64
Whitfield, Mickey	06/12/77
Winberry, Jay	09/30/01
Willis, W.H.	10/48
Windley, John Mark	11/20/92
Yates, Robert	10/81
Yopp, Tommy	10/21/99

Licensed Ministers

John Carawan	Angela Mattox
Kelvin Coates	Bob Smith
Duane Haddock	Michael Wheeler
Ray Lewis	Josh Whitfield
Nick Lewis	

*MINUTES of the 139th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina*

October 18, 2008

The next session will be held at Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2009 (October 17, 2009) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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ASST. MODERATOR: Rev. Dr. Bobby Carden, PO Box 734 Bladenboro, NC 28320
CLERK: Dr. Danny D. McPherson, 69 Brice Ward Rd., Chadbourn, NC 28431
TREASURER: Ronny Settle, 2651 Whitehall Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Dallas Byrd	PO Box 57	Clarendon, NC 28432
Rev. James H. Nobles	122 Mercer Rd.	Chadbourn, NC 28431
Rev. Hollon Norris	8703 Old Stake Rd.	Tabor City, NC 28463
Rev. Brooks Sykes	35 Ed Ward Rd.	Clarendon, NC 28432
Rev. William J. Godwin	726 Woodrow Cribb Rd.	Clarendon, NC 28432

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F. J. Lee		Nakina, NC 28455
Marvin McPherson	1128 Garland Duncan Rd.	Chadbourn, NC 28431
Isaac Norris, Jr.	8195 Old Stake Rd.	Tabor City, NC 28463
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Dallas Byrd	PO Box 57	Clarendon, NC 28432
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William J. Godwin	726 Woodrow Cribb Rd.	Clarendon, NC 28432
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William Hearl	1115 Hwy 548	Conway, SC 29526
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James Howard Nobles	122 Mercer Rd.	Chadbourn, NC 28431
Hollon Norris	8703 Old Stake Rd.	Tabor City, NC 28463
Robert Sellers	907 Stake Rd.	Tabor City, NC 28463
Timothy Ray Soles	1929 W. Dogwood Rd.	Loris, SC 29545
Edward Spivey	355 Spivey Rd.	Tabor City, NC 28463
Jackie Strickland	4058 Smyrna Rd.	Whiteville, NC 28472
Brooks Sykes	35 Ed Ward Rd.	Clarendon, NC 28432
Jamey Ward		
William E. Ward	5360 Peachtree Rd.	Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

LICENTIATE(S)

Wade A. McPherson

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 18, 2008.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Showers of Blessing." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order gave the devotional services, taking his text from Jeremiah 37. Rev. James Howard Nobles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Gary Bryan, pastor of Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Pete Cribb.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited visitors to enjoy the association activities but reminded them that they could not take part in any business. Afterwards, the moderator announced the house in order for business.

The roll of churches was called, and all churches were represented by letter and delegates.

The roll of ministers was called, and Revs. Charles V. Cribb, Freddie Edwards, William J. Godwin, Clyde Reaves, Timmy Soles, and William Ward were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Freddie Edwards, William J. Godwin, and Henry Ward. Rev. George Benton made a motion to grant their requests. The motion was seconded by Rev. James Howard Nobles; motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Barry Benton, Irvin Brown, & Lyn Ward

OBITUARY: Shelby Causey, Patricia Settle, & Robert Ward

RESOLUTION: Shannon McMillian, Ricky Fowler, & Michael McLawhorn

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Rev. Charles Renfrow, President of the Convention, addressed the association bringing greetings on behalf of the convention and then introduced the following persons who reported on behalf of their ministry: Mary Dudley (Sunday School Board), Rev. Bryant Hines (Cragmont), Danny McPherson (Mount Olive College), Gary Lee (Children's Home), Harold Jones (Foreign Missions), and Darren Davenport (Free Will Baptist Press). GC Bryan moved to accept the reports as information; motion was seconded and passed.

The congregation sang a hymn and collected an offering for the Children's Home.

Following a brief morning recess, the moderator called the house back to order.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

The moderator called for the clerk to read the reports of the committees.

REPORTS

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee, have no resolutions to bring at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Fowler

Michael McLawhorn

Shannon McMillian

Report was received, the recommendation accepted, and the committee dismissed by motion of Rev. Hollon Norris.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, recommend that all our churches, homes, and schools use the King James Version of the Bible and that all literature distributed in our churches be of the King James Version only. We also encourage our ministers to further their education at Mount Olive College and be active in supporting the college and its ministries. We also request that more material referring only to the King James Version be made available to local churches and that the material be free of references to other biblical versions.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Benton
Irvin Brown
Lyn Ward

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Rev. James Howard Nobles.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 19 deaths during this past year.

We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelby Cause
Patricia Settle
Robert Ward

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Rev. George Benton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 20, 2007)	1336.09
Deposit from association	1457.50
Total (October 22, 2007)	\$2793.59

Checks for the past year	
# 419 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 420 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 421 Mount Olive College	600.00
# 422 Ronny Settle	50.00
# 423 Children's Home	117.00
# 424 Free Will Baptist Press	5.71
# 425 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists	210.00
# 426 Free Will Baptist Press	<u>62.65</u>

Total checks written during 2007-08	\$1145.55
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Balance (October 18, 2008)	\$1648.23
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Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Bro. Irvin Brown.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met on May 27, 2008, after receiving a letter from Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to meet with Rev. William Hearl from the Central Conference. Since Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church would like to vote Rev. Hearl in as pastor, the Council questioned Rev. Hearl on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine. The Council found Rev. Hearl to be sound in faith and doctrine and recommended that Rev. Hearl be given a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination pending a letter of good standing from the Central Conference. At this time the Council will schedule another meeting with Rev. Hearl.

The Council consulted with Rev. Clyde Reaves after which he submitted his Pee Dee credentials to the clerk of the Ordaining Council.

The Council met on September 2, 2008, after receiving a letter of good standing for Rev. William Hearl. Since he had already been questioned on biblical truths and doctrine, the Council issued a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Hearl.

The Council met on September 2, 2008, after receiving a letter from Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to examine Bro. Wade McPherson for a minister's license. The Council questioned Bro. McPherson on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The Council approved Bro. McPherson as a licensed minister for one year.

The Council met with Rev. Jamey Ward on October 4, 2008, after receiving a letter from Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending him for ordination. Rev. Ward successfully passed his test, and his ordination service was set for October 12, 2008 at Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The Council met with Rev. Jamey Ward for his ordination service on October 12, 2008, at Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Ward met or exceeded the requirements of the Council, and the Council issued a Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Ward.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Hollon Norris, Chairman
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

Rev. Dallas Byrd moved to accept the report. The motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Association extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. William Hearl and Rev. Jamey Ward and the hand of welcome to Rev. Wade McPherson as a licentiate. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Brooks Sykes to preach the Association message.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator
Rev. Bobby Carden, Assistant Moderator
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Pee Dee Association

Rev. Larry Greenwood, Member at large
Dr. Danny McPherson, Clerk

Report was received by motion of Rev. George Benton.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2009. Motion carried. Rev. Jackie Strickland invited the Association to meet at Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2009 association meeting scheduled for October 17, 2009. Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the invitation be accepted, and it carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to pay the officers the same as usual. The motion passed.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Pee Dee Association become a Mount Olive Bridge Builder by donating \$600 to the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builder Campaign. Rev. Bobby Carden seconded the motion, and it carried.

Bro. Danny McPherson read a prepared letter addressed to the Pee Dee Association and the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees in which he announced his resignation from the College Board of Trustees effective at the conclusion of 2009 Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists (May 2009).

Rev. Pete Cribb shared materials regarding the disposition of Charity Original Free Will Baptist Mission/Church which is now closed.

Bro. GC Bryan moved that the Association give Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to recess out of business and enter into the worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Brooks Sykes delivered the morning message.

Following the message, the moderator asked Rev. Pete Cribb to return thanks for the lunch prepared by Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church and to adjourn the Annual Meeting by benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk

Piedmont

**MINUTES
of the
65th Annual Session
of the
Original Free Will Baptist**

**Held with
Wayside Tabernacle Original Free Will Baptist Church
Thomasville, North Carolina
July 25th & 26th 2008**

Executive Board

Moderator: Reverend David Atkins (2009)
Vice Moderator: Reverend Tim Burton (2010)
Treasurer: Reverend Carlee Stallard (2009)
Clerk: Wayne Hicks (2009)
At Large: Reverend Anthony Hancock (2009)
At Large 2: Reverend David Parrish (2009)

Ordaining Council

Reverend Larry Brown (2009)
Reverend Hillis Burton (2010)
Reverend Claude Garrett, Sr. (2010)
Reverend Johnny Johnson (2010)
Reverend Tom Parrish (2009)

Conference Reporter

Ms. Pebbles Joyce (2010)

Memorial Committee

Mrs. Neoma Garrett
Reverend Carlee Stallard

Conference Trustees

Reverend David Atkins
Reverend Claude Garrett, Sr.

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Reporter for the Piedmont Conference

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Proceedings

The Sixty-fifth annual session of the Piedmont Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist convened at Wayside Tabernacle Original Free Will Baptist Church in Thomasville, North Carolina on July 25th and 26th 2008 with the Reverend Claude Garrett Sr. as the host pastor.

The Annual Youth Rally began on Friday evening July 25th at 7:00. There were 4 churches represented, Amazing Grace, Christ, Friendly Chapel, and Wayside Tabernacle. All of the four churches represented participated by singing, skits and answering questions on lessons they have been studying. Trophies were awarded to each church for their participation in the Youth Rally. Pizza was then served in the fellowship hall, where all enjoyed great fellowship.

The business session started at 10:00 am on July 26, 2008 with the opening hymn, "At Calvary". The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Reverend David Atkins. Devotions were given by Rev Jimmy Garrett. The roll of the churches and ministers was taken with 7 churches represented and 16 ministers present, with a total attendance of 48.

Executive Board:

Discussed an "In Between" meeting for the Executive Board and Ordaining Council. A challenge from the Moderator to each member of the Executive Board to come up with two to three ideas to help further the Piedmont Conference. First Idea from Rev. Allen Hudson "Conference Revival" each church be responsible to at night (Preaching and Singing). Suggested to make it known to each church that they are to send two delegates to all meetings (Quarterly & Annual)

Ordaining Council:

Meet with Dr. Ronnie Aycock and voted to accept as a Minister in the Piedmont Conference.. Meet with Rev. Jerry Campbell – pending the referral from the Western Conference. Please give the Ordaining Council a 30 day notice when bringing a minister before the council.

Denominational Enterprises: *These were present and came forward to give a report.*

Sister Mary Dudley – Sunday School Board

Mr. Lyn Renfrow - Home Missions

Mr. Ronnie Taylor – Retirement Homes

Reverend Tom Parrish – Children's Home

Reverend Dale Belvin – Mt. Olive College

Reverend John Hill – Youth Ministries

Resolutions:

1. Be is resolved to be more faithful and loyal to our Lord "Jesus Christ", to one another and our conference.
2. We do hereby resolve to give Wayside Tabernacle a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the 65th Annual session of the Piedmont Conference..

Resolution Committee (Rev. Carlees Stallard, Rev. David Atkins, Rev. Allen Hudson, Rev. Tim Burton, Rev. Anthony Hancock & Wayne Hicks)

Worship Hour:

"Keep on the firing line" was the opening hymn. Wayside Tabernacle Church singers did the special singing. Reverend David Atkins preached a message titled "Under Subjection". He read from I Corinthians 9:27. Dismissal Prayer, Everyone adjourned to the fellowship hall for a wonderful meal that had been prepared. Thank you Wayside Tabernacle for your hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend David Atkins, Moderator
Wayne Hicks, Clerk

Western

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
of the
WESTERN CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held with
MARSH SWAMP ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sims, North Carolina
October 16, 2008

Officers for the Year 2008-2009

Moderator: The Reverend Harry Brown, 3308 Hope Valley Road,
Durham, NC 27707 (2010)

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Charles L. Renfrow, P.O. Box 880,
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Clerk: The Reverend Lewis Godwin, 120 Hilltop Drive, Four Oaks, NC 27524 (2010)

Treasurer: The Reverend Allen Stanley, 102 Creekside Drive, Selma, NC 27576 (2009)

Member-at-large: The Reverend Chuck Owens, 1071 Gurley Dairy Road,
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Executive Committee

The Reverend Harry Brown, Moderator (2010)

The Reverend Charles L. Renfrow, V-Chairman (2009)

The Reverend Lewis Godwin, Clerk (2010)

The Reverend Allen Stanley, Treasurer (2009)

The Reverend Chuck Owens, Member-at-large (2010)

Board of Trustees

Brother John Davis (2010)

The Reverend Terry Dennis (2011)

The Reverend Barry Stallings (2012)

Brother Stanley Kirby (2013)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend James Rogerson (2009)

The Reverend Rudy Owens (2010)

The Reverend Frank Grubbs (2011)

The Reverend David Kriger (2012)

Dr. De Wayne Eakes (2013)

The Reverend Wayne King (2014)

The Reverend Ray Wells (2015)

Credentials Committee

The Reverend Norman Gordon (2009)

Brother Phil Brown (2010)

The Reverend Don Fleming (2011)

The Reverend Walter Blackmon (2008)

Representative of Western Conference Stock at FWB Press

The Reverend Billy Toler (2009)

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PRICE, JIMMY LEE Cape Fear Conference
RADFORD, WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Associate Pastor at First OFWB Church, Wilson
STALLINGS, BLAKE, Rock Springs OFWB Church
WILLIAMS, JOEY Central Conference, Associate Pastor at Stoney Creek OFWB Church

Proceedings:

The One-Hundred and Twentieth Second Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convened at Marsh Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, on October 16, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The Clerk called the Conference to order. The opening devotions were given by Rev. Cameron Ash. The host church led the congregation in singing the opening hymn.

The welcome was given by host Pastor, Rev. Ray Wells, and the response was given by Rev. Charles Renfrow.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Charles Renfrow, made the following appointments to temporary committees: Nominating Committee — the Revs. Barry Stallings, De Eakes, and Harry Brown; Resolutions Committee: — the Revs. Billy Toler, Frank Grubbs, Nelson Rollins; Memorial Committee — the Revs. Wayne King and Paul Nicholson.

The Moderator, Rev. Donald Coates, addressed the conference from Acts chapter 3:1-10 stressing the "Supplying Need."

The Clerk called the roll of ministers and churches.

The Western Conference Board of Ordination gave the following report:

**REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE
BOARD OF ORDINATION
TO THE 122ND SESSION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE
MARSH SWAMP ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 15, 2008**

The Western Conference Board of Ordination met five times since the last annual session of the Conference. One of those meetings was for ordination services. Your Board of Ordination submits the following report and makes the following recommendations for your approval:

1. **Approved for License to Preach the Gospel:**
C.R. "Chet" Whitman Black Jack Grove OFWB Church
2. **Renewed License to Preach the Gospel:**
William Cameron Ash Little Rock OFWB Church
Justin Donald Smith Little Rock OFWB Church
William David Curne Marsh Swamp OFWB Church
John Joseph Davis Everett Chapel OFWB Church
James Roger Pearce Watson's Grove OFWB Church
Richard E. Cuddington, Jr. Piney Grove OFWB Church
Stanley Worth Kirby Pleasant Grove OFWB Church
George Horton Futrelle Pleasant Grove OFWB Church
3. **Failed to Renew License:**
Scott Broadway Black Jack Grove OFWB Church
4. **Minister Ordained since the last Conference:**
Warren Hoover Horton Road OFWB Church
5. **Approved to work in the Conference:**
Fred Johnson Sherron Acres OFWB Church
Matthew Ellis Stoney Creek OFWB Church
Blake Stallings Rock Springs OFWB Church
6. **Licensed Ministers Approved for Ordination:**
William Cameron Ash Little Rock OFWB Church
William David Currie Marsh Swamp OFWB Church
7. **Credentials Surrendered:**
Bill Dauphinais Spring Hill OFWB Church
8. **License Period:**

There is a one-year term on the license to preach the gospel with a five-year maximum on the amount of time allowed to preach under license in preparation for ordination. If at any time the *licensed minister allows the license to lapse*, the entire licensing process must be restarted beginning with the recommendation of the local church to the Board of Ordination.

9. **Ordination Requirements**

We commend to our member churches and to all of our licensed ministers the attached *Requirements for Ordination*. This document will serve as a checklist for our licensed ministers as they move toward ordination. This document will also aid our churches in answering initial questions that a candidate might have in regards to the requirements for ordination.

10. **Conference Attendance**

A. Any minister (licensed or ordained) holding membership in the Western Conference, who fails to attend the annual session of the Conference for two consecutive years or fails to send a letter showing reasonable excuse for non-attendance, is subject to censure and/or the revocation of his credentials of ordination.

B. All ministers (licensed or ordained) serving in the Western Conference in any pastoral position are **required to register and attend the annual session of the Western Conference**. Pastoral positions include but are not limited to pastors, associate pastors, and youth ministers. Failure to attend two consecutive years or failure to send a letter showing reasonable excuse for non-attendance will subject the minister to censure and/or the revocation of credentials.

11. **Annual Convention Attendance:**

Any minister (licensed and ordained) holding membership in the Western Conference is **required to register and attend at least one day of our annual two-day Convention of OFWB** which meets Wednesday and Thursday following the second Sunday of May. A letter stating a reasonable excuse will also be accepted in lieu of this requirement. It may be sent to either the Clerk of the Board of Ordination or the Clerk of the Conference.

12. **Ministers Transferring into the Western Conference:**

A. From Sister Conferences: These ministers must be cleared with the Western Conference Board of Ordination *prior to assuming the* pastorate to which they are called. This is the responsibility of the church calling the minister; however the minister should be sure it has been done *prior to* beginning the prospective work. This is a simple procedure designed to protect our churches from harm. Our churches are **not** independent of the Conference as is true in some other denominations and groups.

B. From other Denominations: For this information you are referred to page 89 of our *Articles of Faith & Principles of Church Government*.

13. **The Christian Flag Service for Ministers:**

The Board of Ordination will serve as the Conference Christian Flag Committee. Any minister serving in the Western Conference at the time of his death will be given the Christian Flag Service if the minister has so requested or the family so desires. The flag will be purchased by the Conference.

14. **Items for Praise:**

1. Our newly ordained minister
2. Our newly licensed minister
3. Two licensed ministers approved for ordination
4. Our new members by baptism or transfer into the member churches of the Conference

15. **Things a Licensed Minister *Can* and *Cannot* Do:**

1. A licensed minister *cannot* be called or hired as pastor (or associate) of any church.
2. A licensed minister *can* serve a church on an interim or supply basis under the supervision of his Board of Ordination Advisor or another ordained minister as directed by the Board of Ordination. This service is to be limited to six months in any one church. If the church wishes an extension on the services of the licensed minister, the church must appeal to the Board of Ordination.
3. A licensed minister *cannot* administer the ordinances of the Gospel.
4. A licensed minister *cannot* perform wedding ceremonies.
5. A licensed minister *can* conduct worship services, preach, and teach as the opportunities are afforded to the licensed minister.
6. A licensed minister *can* officiate in a funeral service.
7. A Licensed minister *can* be elected to serve as temporary chairman of a business meeting with the exceptions as outlined on pg. 74, paragraph 2 of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government*.
8. A licensed minister *can* vote at the annual conference.

16. **Recommendations to the Conference:**

1. The minister ordained since our last conference, the Rev. Warren Hoover, be welcomed into the Conference with the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Moderator and his name be added to the list of duly ordained ministers of the Western Conference by the Conference Clerk.
2. The newly licensed minister, C.R. "Chet" Whitman, be added to the list of licensed ministers by the Conference Clerk.
3. That all our ministers, both ordained and licensed, continue to abide by our current *Ministerial Code of Ethics*.
4. That our churches not call ordained or licensed ministers from other denominations to serve as interim or to do supply work. Our churches be reminded of the statement from page 68 of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptist (Of the English General Baptist at Heritage)*: "The Church shall call its own pastor from among the duly ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers who are approved by the Conference of which the church is a member, upon such terms as shall be mutually agreeable."
5. We request that our ministers inform the board of ordination when they resign from their church. This is so that we can assist our churches in the search process and interim period.
6. That this report in its entirety be received by the Conference and that these recommendations be adopted by the Conference as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Board of Ordination:

Ray Wells, Chair
David Kriger
Rudy Owens
Frank Grubbs

De W. Eakes, Clerk
Calvin Heath
James Rogerston

Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the Ordination report as presented.

The Moderator recognized the newly licensed and ordained ministers, and ministers transferring into the Western Conference.

The Moderator recognized the ministers who were visiting.

A partial report of the **Credentials Committee** was received and the delegates were seated.

Following a short break, the opening Business Session was held, beginning with the Clerk reading the following minutes of the Executive Committee meetings:

Minutes: Western Conference Executive Committee 04/27/08

The Executive Committee of the Western Conference met Sunday April 27, 2008 at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama NC, members present were:

Charles Renfrow....Vice Moderator
Bobby Futrell.....Clerk
Allen Stanley.....Treasurer
Chuck Owens..... Member at large

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Western Conference Executive Committee was asked to be a part of a meeting of the Ordaining Council with the pastor and some of the members of Living Waters Free Will Baptist Church. This meeting was called to determine if either was in violation of any of the rules and procedures found in *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptist (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)*. This meeting took place at Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama on Sunday afternoon April 27, 2008.

After listening to both parties grievance, it was mutually agreed on by both the Ordaining Council and The Executive Committee that a called business meeting of Living Waters FWB Church on Sunday evening May 11, 2008 for the purpose of voting on the pastor should solve the problem; The Western Conference assistant moderator would chair the meeting.

This meeting was held at the appointed time at Living Waters FWB Church near Pikeville at which time the church's pastor resigned.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby L. Futrell, WESTERN CONFERENCE CLERK

Minutes: Western Conference Executive Committee 08/19/08

The Executive Committee of the Western Conference met Tuesday August 19, 2008 at Free Spirit Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson NC, members present were:

Charles Renfrow.....Vice Moderator
Bobby Futrell.....Clerk
Allen Stanley.....Treasurer
Chuck Owens..... Member at large

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Our vice moderator, Brother Charles Renfrow gave a report on our Moderator, The Reverend Donald Coates.

A discussion about the Conference's desire to rotate the Executive committee ended with a motion to follow our moderator's wishes (due to health issues) to be replaced at the 2008 session of our Conference, and the Conference clerk expressed his desire to be replaced; therefore the committee moved seconded and passed to adopt a method of rotation whereby the Moderator, the clerk, and the member at large would be replaced in the 2008 session. The vice moderator and the treasurer would be allowed to stay on the committee until they are replaced at the 2009 session of our Conference.

The seating of the various committees was offered.

The clerk was asked to contact:

Brothers Wayne King and Paul Nicholson to serve as our Memorial Committee,
Brothers Barry Stallings, De Eakes, and Harry Brown as Nominating Committee,
Brothers Billy Toler, Frank Grubbs, and Nelson Rollins as Resolutions
Committee

The clerk was also asked to contact Brother Billy Toler and to ask if he would please share the morning message.

Brother Chuck Owens moved that the Conference give a one hundred dollar Honorarium to the speaker at our morning Worship Service; the motion was properly seconded and passed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was seconded and passed

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby L. Futrell, WESTERN CONFERENCE CLERK

The report of the Executive Committee was approved.

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Motion by Rev. Jams Rogerson Jr.: "That at future meetings of the Western Conference, the clerk will mail registration cards for ministers and delegates in order that they may be filled out before the meeting of the conference in order to enhance the registration process at the meeting of the conference." The motion was seconded, discussed, and passed.

Motion by Rev. D. Eakes to change conference bylaws to reflect the changes presented in the Executive Committee Report. Motion was duly seconded and passed.

At 11:00 A.M., business was temporarily adjourned and the conference held it's morning worship service.

The host church shared special music by Rev. Ray Wells accompanied by Marsh Swamp's music director.

The morning message was given by Reverend Billy Toler after which the conference adjourned for lunch provided by the host church.

*****LUNCH*****

After lunch the Conference reconvened with the singing of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", afterward the following **Treasurer's report** was given by Rev. Allen Stanley:

Financial Report of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists
October 17, 2007—October 16, 2008

Balance on hand October 17, 2007 *\$3,007.00*

Receipts:

Churches *\$3,457.00*

Conference Offering *344.81*

Church Check *175.00*

Total Receipts *\$3,976.81*

Total Receipts and old balance *\$6,984.64*

Disbursements:

Board of Ordination expenses *\$761.61*

Executive Board expenses *160.00*

Conference expenses *66.06*

Yearbook pages *420.00*

Convention Wall of Honor

(In Memory of Rev. Don Venreable *1000.00*

NC Foundation for Ministries *1200.00*

Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary

(In memory of Rev. Roy Clifton) *350.00*

Convention of FWB Registration *35.00*

FWB Press Foundation *42.80*

Total Disbursements *\$3,535.47*

Balance on hand October 16, 2008 *\$3,449.17*

Total in Scholarship Fund which is included in above balance *\$65.00*

The Treasurer's Report was received as reported.
The reports of Convention Ministries was shared.
The report from Carolina Bible Institute was received as information.
The Nominating committee presented the following report:

The Nominating Committee met this past Friday, October 10, 2008 in Clayton and on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Marsh Swamp Church and makes the following recommendations:

1. The Executive Committee:

This year, as stated, the Moderator, the Clerk and Member-at-Large will be elected, while the Assistant Moderator and Treasurer terms will be extended until 2009 to establish the new rotation, pending Conference approval today. Therefore, Rev. Charles Renfrow will remain Assistant Moderator, while Rev. Allen Stanley will keep the position of Treasurer.

To fill the position of Moderator that is being vacated by Rev. Donald Coates, we recommend that Rev Harry Brown be elected to fill this position.

To fill the position of Clerk that is being vacated by Rev. Bobby Futrelle, we recommend Rev. Lewis Godwin.

We also recommend that Rev. Chuck Owens be re-elected as Member-at-Large.

2. Board of Trustees

We have 3 vacancies and recommend the Rev. Terry Dennis, Rev. Barry Stallings and Bro. Stanley Kirby to fill these positions, replacing Rev. Charles Petit, Rev. Michael Crocker and Rev. Walter Blackmon. Also we recommend Bro. John Davis to fill the unexpired term of Lewis Godwin pending his election as Conference Clerk.

3. Board of Ordination

We recommend that Rev. Ray Wells be elected to replace himself on the Board of Ordination.

4. Credentials Committee

We recommend that Rev. Don Fleming and Bro. Phil Brown be elected to fill the two vacancies left by Bro. Richie Cuddington and Bro. Bill Dauphinais.

5. FWB Press Representative

We recommend that Rev. Billy Toler be re-elected as our Conference Representative to the FWB Press.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Barry Stallings (Chairman)
Dr. De Eakes
Rev. Harry Brown
2008 Western Conference Nominating Committee

10-16-2008

A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

The report of the **Resolutions Committee** presented the following resolutions for consideration:

#1 Whereas *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptist (of the English General Baptist Heritage)* is the foundational document for our denomination, and whereas it has been the right and privilege of the local church to license candidates into the Gospel Ministry, and whereas the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists did reaffirm her commitment to the procedures for licensing and ordination of candidates into the Gospel Ministry; be it resolved that the Western Conference return to the churches the right and privileges of licensing individuals into the Gospel Ministry and continue to adhere to the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for OFWB (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*.

A motion to adopt the resolution was seconded.

During the discussion, it was moved to table the motion until 2020. The motion to table was seconded and passed.

#2 Whereas Marsh Swamp OFWB Church has so graciously opened their doors to the One hundred Twenty-second meeting of the Western Conference let it be resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

A motion to adopt the resolution was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted; Billy Toler, Frank Grubbs, Nelson Rollins

The final report of the **Credentials Committee** revealed the following:

<i>Ordained ministers present</i>	59
<i>Visiting ministers present</i>	11
<i>Licensed ministers present</i>	<u>6</u>
<i>Total Ministers Present</i>	76

<i>Delegates present</i>	61
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<i>Money received from churches</i>	\$3,385.00
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Churches of the Western Conference

<i>Membership --</i>	8,156
<i>Received by baptism --</i>	136
<i>Received by letter --</i>	146

Members lost

<i>Death --</i>	96
<i>Letter --</i>	80

Memberships of organizations

<i>Sunday School</i>	3,644
<i>Woman's Auxiliary</i>	629

Western

<i>YFA</i>	259
<i>AFC</i>	210
<i>Cherubs</i>	142
<i>Laymen's League</i>	223

(The above figures include the amounts from late arriving Church letters. *BLF*)

The Memorial Committee presented its report recognizing those that had departed since the last meeting of the Western Conference, giving a special recognition to departed Brother Floyd Newsome.

A motion to receive the Obituary Committee report was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$500.00 to the Convention of Free Will Baptists.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$1200.00 to The Original Free Will Baptist Foundation for Christian Ministries in memory of Brother Newsome.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

Closing scripture and prayer was by Brother Stanley Kirby.

Respectfully submitted;

Rev. Charles Renfrow -Western Conference Assistant Moderator

Rev. Bobby L. Futrell-Western Conference Clerk

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**North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Of Original Free Will Baptists
Executive Committee Meeting
January 26, 2008**

The executive committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met on January 26, 2008 in the Conference Room of the Waylin Center at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina with the following in attendance: Joan Little, President; Teresa Grubbs, Corresponding Secretary; Martha Parsons, Youth Chairman; Jane T. Tripp, Literature Committee Chairman; Carolyn Jernigan, Study Course Chairman; Jackie Flowers, Benevolence Chairman; Jane Parker, Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary President; Edith McPherson, Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary President; May Pittman, Central Woman's Auxiliary President and Cragmont Woman's Conference Director; Teresa Ball, Missions Chairman; Sara Parker, Vice President; Faye Bryant, Youth Co Chairman; Dianne Riley, Program Prayer Chairman; Nadine Crocker, Treasurer; Jean Ackiss, Field Secretary, and Becky Jo Sumner, Recording Secretary and Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary President.

President Little welcomed everyone and based the opening devotion on Luke 1:45. She reminded us that we need to believe the message from God just as Mary believed the message delivered by the angel. As Christian women we need to have a faith like Mary's. Mrs. Little led us in prayer.

A motion was made by Carolyn Jernigan, seconded by Sara Parker, and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as recorded.

A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Faye Bryant and passed to accept the Treasurer's and Life Membership reports given by Nadine Crocker. This report included the following: Total expenses - \$152.76 and Balance on hand - \$738.20. A more detailed report and comments from the Treasurer are located in the secretary's report book.

The following reports were given for information. More detailed reports are located in the secretary's report book.

The corresponding secretary's report was presented by Teresa Grubbs.

- Wrote articles for the FWB about the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the dedication of the Nina Grace Register room.
- Wrote the Reverend Frankie Baggett in regard to directing Youth Frontier Conference 2008 at Cragmont Assembly. Reverend Baggett agreed to direct the 2008 conference. He also provided information on the 2007 conference.
- Wrote Angela Warren in regard to a description of the work of the Christian Education Committee.

Mission report presented by Teresa Ball.

Youth report was presented by Martha Parsons.

- The youth convention will be held on May 16-18, 2008 at Mount Olive College.

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- A youth mission report from Scott Lane was included in this report. Scott is planning a Seattle, Washington mission trip for July 5-12, 2008. He also included information on the 2007 Youth Mission trip to Denver, Colorado.

Study course chairman's report presented by Carolyn Jernigan.

- Requested suggestions for people to add to the list of presenters for study courses.

Cragmont Woman's Conference report was given by May Pittman, Director, and Joan Little, Registrar. In the discussion following their report the information given below was stressed.

- The Cragmont Woman's Conferences will no longer use evaluation sheets but will have a suggestion box available for the camper's comments.
- Speakers for the Woman's Conferences do not have to be OFWB but they should be made aware of OFWB doctrine and not discuss or present material contrary to OFWB beliefs.
- It was suggested that the Day Spring Conference could be enjoyable for senior church groups and that activities for men might be good idea.
- The Day Spring Conference in June will continue with the shortened schedule used in June 2007

Benevolence report was presented by Jackie Flowers. She shared with us three cards that had been printed especially for the auxiliary's use. She also reported on the health of Mrs. Patrick, life member of the executive committee and former benevolence chairman.

The nominating committee report was made by Jane Parker, committee chairman.

The Program Prayer Chairman presented the outline for the May 2008 Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

- The convention date is May 8, 2008 at Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.
- The convention will be hosted by the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary.
- Woman's Auxiliary District presidents were asks to recruit volunteers for the Convention Choir and mail these names and addresses to Dianne.
- The convention meal will be catered by Mount Olive College at a cost of approximately \$7.00. Nadine Crocker will include this information in her press release to the FWB.

A preliminary report on the Youth Task Force was shared with the committee. It includes committee members appointed by the Woman's Auxiliary executive committee, theological foundations, and ministry goals.

The Literature Committee report was given by Jane T. Tripp.

- Carol Pittman was appointed to finish Jane C. Tripp's term.
- The Literature Committee after reviewing the Christian Education Committee description in the Manual of Methods determined that it was sufficient as presently stated.

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The Devotion compiling editor, Becky Jo Sumner, reported:

- Devotion 2008 is available through the FWB Press.
- The theme for Devotion 2009 will be "Tangible Faith".

President Little shared letters from Mount Olive College regarding The Anna Phillips Loan Fund Scholarship, The Anna Phillips Loan fund, and The Alice E. Lupton Scholarship Endowment.

The Spring District Woman's Auxiliary Convention information was shared:

Albemarle – April 12, 2008; Shiloh OFWB Church; 9:30 a.m.

Cape Fear – April 5, 2008; Oak Grove OFWB Church; 9:00 a.m.

Central – March 22, 2008; Daniels Chapel OFWB Church; 9:00 a.m.

Eastern – March 15, 2008; White Oak Grove OFWB Church; 9:30 a.m.

Pee Dee – April 5, 2008; Beaverdam OFWB Church; 10:00 a.m.

Western – April 2, 2008; Pleasant Grove OFWB; 9:00 a.m.

Business Session

By unanimous vote the date of the June Woman's Auxiliary executive committee meeting was changed to May 12, 2008 in the Conference Room at the Waylin Center, Mount Olive College at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Sara Parker, and passed to accept the following:

2008 Nominating Committee Report:

President – Joan Little

Vice President – Jean Averette

Recording Secretary – Becky Jo Sumner

Corresponding Secretary – Teresa Grubbs

Treasurer – Nadine Crocker

Mission Chairman – Teresa Ball

Study Course Chairman – Carolyn Jernigan

Program Prayer Chairman – Dianne Riley

Benevolence Chairman – Jackie Flowers

Field Secretary – Jean Ackiss

Christian Education Committee – Sheryll Wood (2008-2011)

Cragmont Representative – Carolyn Best (2008-2011)

Literature Committee – Jane T. Tripp (2008-2013)

A motion was made by Teresa Ball, seconded by Jean Ackiss, and passed to name the September/Fall Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, Cornerstone.

A motion was made by Teresa Ball, seconded by Carolyn Jernigan, and passed to place Teresa Ball, May Pittman, Becky Jo Sumner, and Joan Little on a committee to select a name for the July/August Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Conference that reflects a name from Scripture for Jesus Christ. This recommendation should be submitted to the executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary on May 12, 2008.

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Teresa Grubbs will prepare the Woman's Auxiliary page for the Youth Convention program book.

Faye Bryant volunteered to prepare the Woman's Auxiliary display for the Convention of OFWB and the Youth Convention.

May Pittman; Dianne Riley, chairman; and Jane Parker were appointed to the Life Membership Award Committee.

A motion was made by Dianne Riley, seconded by Sara Parker, and passed to include in the resolution honoring Mrs. Ruth Warrick for her work for the Woman's Auxiliary information honoring Mrs. Hilda Sasser for her work in the Woman's Auxiliary. Copies of this resolution are to be sent to the OFWB Press, Mrs. Warrick's and Mrs. Sasser's families, the recording secretary to be placed in the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the OFWB Historical Collection, and to Dianne Riley to be placed in the Woman's Auxiliary 2008 program book. Teresa Grubbs and Carolyn Jernigan will prepare this resolution and mail it to the places listed above.

A motion was made by Becky Jo Sumner, seconded by Jean Ackiss, and passed that the Cragmont Woman's Conference director and registrar do whatever necessary to accommodate the scheduling of Youth Conferences at Cragmont Assembly.

The theme of the OFWB Convention will be used in part three of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention program.

A motion was made by Sara Parker, seconded by Nadine Crocker, and passed to recognize at the time of their death previous members of the executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of OFWB for their services and loyal devotion to this work.

Dianne Riley reported that the Nina Grace Register Room Committee purchased a stove and refrigerator for the room with the remaining funds (\$1,315.63) from that project.

A replacement for Sandy Thick will be discussed at the May 12 executive meeting.

The committee adjourned for lunch with Nadine Crocker offering the blessing on the meal. The executive committee convened with the Literature Committee to discuss the revision of the Manual of Methods following lunch.

A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Faye Bryant, and passed that the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary approves in principle the Standard of Achievement presented by the Literature Committee at the meeting on January 26, 2008.

The Executive Committee recommended to the Literature Committee that the name of the North Carolina Prayer Band be changed to delete North Carolina from the name.

A motion was made by Martha Parsons, seconded by Carolyn Jernigan, and passed to present at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention on May 8, 2008 a constitutional change

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that the name of the convention be changed from the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB.

It was suggested that if this constitutional change passed at the convention we could refer to the three levels of auxiliary work as local, district, and auxiliary convention.

A motion was made by Carolyn Jernigan, seconded by Faye Bryant, and passed to present at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention on May 8, 2008 a constitutional change that the per capita dues be changed from \$.40 per member (\$.20 to the district and \$.20 to the state) to \$1.00 per member with \$.50 to the district and \$.50 to the state.

A motion was made by Dianne Riley, seconded by Jean Ackiss to give a standing ovation and applause to the Literature Committee for their work on the Manual of Methods.

A motion was made by Faye Bryant, seconded by everyone, and passed to adjourn.

Jean Ackiss offered the closing prayer.

Joan Little, President

Becky Jo Sumner, Recording Secretary

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists May 8, 2008

The eighty-first annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met on May 8, 2008 at Rodgers Chapel Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, hosted by the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

A copy of the convention program is in the secretary's book. The first message was brought by Fran Overton. Ms. Overton used scripture from Isaiah 40:31 and Proverbs 16:9 to remind us to set aside quiet, undisturbed time with God and listen for God's gentle whisper.

President Joan Little called the convention to order. In the president's remarks she shared that God is planning our way and that we can find this way in His Word. She used Isaiah 48:17 for her scripture.

President Little recognized the following:

- Five district auxiliary presidents. (Becky Jo Sumner, Albemarle; Jane Parker, Cape Fear; May Pittman, Central; Wanda Costner, Eastern; Edith McPherson, Pee Dee) Mrs. Costner recognized The Rev. Wesley Taylor, director of Camp Vandemere in the Eastern Conference, who shared news from the camp.
- Auxiliary members representing all six districts.
- Free Will Baptist Ministers: Dr. Burkette Raper, The Rev. Richard Glossom, The Rev. John Hill, The Rev. Harold Jones, The Rev. Lewis Forsythe, The Rev. Jeff Daughtry, The Rev. Wesley Taylor, The Rev. Fred Baker, The Rev. Ronnie Taylor, The Rev. Sam Weeks, and The Rev. John Williams.
- Woman's Auxiliary Convention officers: Joan Little, President; Sara Parker, Vice President; Teresa Grubbs, Corresponding Secretary; Nadine Crocker,

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Treasurer; Teresa Ball, Missions Chairman; Martha Parsons, Youth Chairman; Faye Bryant, Co Youth Chairman; Dianne Riley, Program Prayer Chairman; Jackie Flowers, Benevolence Chairman; Jean Ackiss, Field Secretary; and Becky Jo Sumner, Recording Secretary.

Members of the Literature Committee: Jane T. Tripp, chairman; Rose Williams; Becky Jo Sumner (Compiling Editor of Devotion), and Sharlene Howell.

The Reverend John Hill, chairman of the Youth Task Force reported on the work of that committee. His report included information on the background and organization of the committee, an outline of the Task Force work, a summary of the Biblical foundation of the work, and the goals which the Woman's Auxiliary had set for the Youth Task Force. A complete copy of his report is located in the secretary's book. A motion was made by Lorraine Hines, seconded by Marci Rollins-Smart, and passed to endorse the goals of the Youth Task Force.

President Little gave the first reading of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention constitutional changes and laid them on the table.

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention Recommended Constitutional Changes

In each place chairman is used it will be replaced with chairperson.

All sections have changes but take special note of underlined areas which represent significant changes.

Article III, Section 3a of the Bylaws will become Section 4, and Section 4 will become Section 5.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists Constitution and Bylaws

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each district within the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists together to transact business pertaining to the promotion of this work.

By Laws

Article I. Duties of Officers

Section 6. Field Secretary

The field secretary shall have charge of all field work pertaining to the promotion of the work of the convention and keep the Woman's Auxiliary Convention's plan of work before the district convention. She shall inform district field secretaries of the work of the Free Will Baptist Press and encourage members to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist.

Section 7. Missions' Chairperson

The missions' chairperson shall promote a mission-minded spirit for our Free Will Baptist women, and shall promote all mission projects endorsed by the convention. The missions chairperson shall also inform the district missions chairpersons of the work of OFWB International (Foreign Missions) and Home Missions and Evangelism.

Section 8. Youth Coordinator

The youth coordinator shall acquire and share information concerning Mount Olive College, The Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund, and the Anna Phillips Scholarship with district youth chairpersons. She shall oversee Youth Frontier Conference (AFC/YFA) at Cragmont Assembly by serving as camp director or suggesting a camp director to be appointed by the Woman's Auxiliary Executive Committee. She shall inform district youth chairpersons of events at Cragmont Assembly and Camp Vandermere for adults and youth. She shall inform district youth chairpersons of all denominational wide youth events and activities.

Section 9. Study Course Chairperson

The study course chairperson shall promote all study courses for the year, listing speakers and suggested books in Devotion. She shall secure the cooperation of the district chairpersons in encouraging and promoting periodic studies. She should solicit assistance in selecting new topics and speakers. She shall inform districts of the work of the Sunday School Ministry.

Section 10. Program Prayer Chairperson

It is the duty of the program prayer chairperson to prepare the program for the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, which she shall present to the executive committee for approval. She shall encourage family devotions, membership in the Woman's Auxiliary Prayer Band, and promote the pre Easter, pre Thanksgiving, and pre Christmas programs of prayer throughout the state.

Section 11. Benevolence Chairperson

The benevolence chairperson shall encourage the district benevolent chairperson in benevolent work. She shall inform auxiliaries of our benevolent ministries including the Original Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Retirement Homes, and the Minister's Program. District benevolent activities shall also be encouraged.

Article II. Departmental Promotional Work

Convention officers will mentor their district counterparts through one or more of the following: (1) workshops, (2) letters, (3) mentorships, (4) idea exchanges, (5) meetings and (6) other methods. Plans need to be reported to the executive committee prior to implementation and reported on at the following meeting.

Article VII. Fees

Fifty cents (\$.50) per member from each district shall be paid yearly to the Woman's Auxiliary convention for membership and a registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) from each local auxiliary.

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President Little named the following committees:

- Finance Committee: Nadine Crocker, Chairman; Mary Sue McLamb and Edith McPherson.
- Resolutions Committee: Miriam Lamm, Chairman; Audrey Quinn and Debby Gray.
- Registration and Credentials Committee: Sara Parker, Chairman; Ann Joyner; Phyllis Hoggard and Nadine Crocker, Treasurer.

The memorial service was presented by Lib Cunningham. Her Scripture was from Psalm 23:4 and I Thessalonians 5:10. In addition to remembering deceased members from all districts, she memorialized Mrs. Clara Patrick and Mrs. Hilda Sasser both Life Members of the executive committee of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The second message was given by Denise Vester. She spoke on being mission minded in all facets of our life. Her scripture references included Colossians 1:9-14, John 9:17, Exodus 35, Matthew 10:8 and Matthew 25. She challenged us to be the hands and feet of God.

The third message was presented by Linda McCoy. Her scripture was Hebrews 12:1,2. She told us the answer to "How to serve daily?" was to serve by taking action.

The second reading of the constitutional changes was made. A motion was made by Janie Leggett, seconded, and passed to consider the constitutional changes. A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Jackie Flowers and passed to lay the constitutional changes on the table.

A motion was made by Fran Overton, seconded and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written.

Copies of the following reports are located in the secretary's book.

Nadine Crocker gave the treasurer, the life membership and the finance committee reports. She reported that \$3,741 should be added to the total received for Cragmont Assembly and \$1,145 to the OFWB International total. A motion was made by May Pittman, seconded by Jane Parker to accept these reports as given.

The following reports were given for information:

- Registration and Credentials Committee: Sara Parker reported that the total registered was 178.
- Anna Phillips Student Aid Fund: Jean Ackiss reported that Kelly Minshew is the 2007-2008 recipient of the Anna Phillips Scholarship. Mrs. Ackiss encouraged auxiliaries to give to this work.
- Youth Committee: Faye Bryant reported that the Youth Convention would be held May 16-18, 2008 with "Reflecting Him" as the theme. The convention speaker will be Freddie Pierce. The youth have exceeded their goal of \$5,000 for the youth project, Retirement Homes. A special project for the youth convention is to bring Wal Mart gift cards or nonperishable food items for the Children's Home.

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Cragmont Woman Auxiliary Retreats: May Pittman reported that 109 attended Morning Star Retreat. Vickie Wade was the speaker for this retreat. She gave the following retreat information: Day Spring speaker Brenda Best, June 4-7; speaker Donna Whitfield for July 27-August 1; and speaker Becky Jo Sumner for September 19-21, Cornerstone.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Resolution Committee report. This report included: (1) Encourage all auxiliaries to use Devotion, (2) Rising vote of thanks to Martha Parsons and Faye Bryant for services as youth chairmen, (3) Extend our thanks to Sara Parker for her work as vice president, (4) Encourage prayer for our national election in November, and (5) Rising vote of thanks for the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention and Mount Olive College.

The third reading of the constitutional changes was made. A motion was made to remove the constitutional changes from the table by Faye Bryant, seconded by Sara Parker and passed. A motion was made and passed to approve the changes in the constitution.

President Little read a letter from the Convention of FWB Leagues in which they gave the Woman's Auxiliary Convention their stock in the FWB Press Foundation. A motion was made by Lorraine Sutton, seconded by Jackie Flowers and passed to accept the FWB Press stock from the Convention of FWB Leagues.

The nominating committee report was given by Jane Parker.

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Christian Education Committee – Sheryll Wood (2008-2011)

Cragmont Stockholder – Carolyn Best (2008-2011)

Literature Committee – Jane T. Tripp (2008-2013)

With no additional nominations made from the floor, a motion was made by Jane Parker, seconded Donna George, and passed to accept the report and elect the slate of officers.

The Life Membership Award was presented by May Pittman, Life Membership Committee, and Mrs. Jean Crocker to Mrs. Nadine Crocker for her many years of service as treasurer of the Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB.

Each denominational ministry representative brought an object which represented the ministry's work. The following items were presented:

- The Rev. Sam Week represented the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist.
- Cliff Gray represented the FWB Press with items printed and sold at the Press.

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- Gary Lee represented the FWB Children's Home with a picture of children with the caption, "Forget Me Not".
- Mary Dudley represented the Sunday School Ministry with a figurine of Jesus surrounded by children.
- The Rev. John Williams represented Cragmont Assembly with a wooden bowl carved from a tree that had been on the Cragmont property.
- Dr. J. William Byrd represented Mount Olive College with three students, Hope McPherson, Tabatha Kennedy, and Katherine Cahoon.
- The Rev. Harold Jones represented OFWB International Foreign Missions with a world globe.
- Laura Monroe represented Home Missions and Evangelism with a prayer book marker and an address folder.
- The Rev. Ronnie Taylor represented Retirement Homes with a walker.

During lunch at Murphy Center Mount Olive College, Jane Parker installed the Jean Averette as the new vice president and issued a challenge of recommitment to the officers who were elected to serve again. May Pittman offered the prayer of dedication.

The convention was adjourned with prayer.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Executive Committee Meeting May 12, 2008

The executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB met on May 12, 2008 at Waylin Center, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina with the following present: Joan Little, president; Jean Averette, vice president; Becky Jo Sumner, recording secretary and Albemarle president; Nadine Crocker, treasurer and life membership; Jean Ackiss, field secretary; Jackie Flowers, benevolence; Dianne Riley, program prayer; Jane Parker, Cape Fear president; and May Pittman, Central president and Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Retreat director.

President Little welcomed the committee and presented a devotion based on Philippians 4:13. She reminded us that God deserves all the credit because He is the giver in every situation.

A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Jean Averette, and passed to approve the minutes from the May 8 convention. A motion was made by Jackie Flowers, seconded by Jane Parker, and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Reports and Business: Complete reports are located in the secretary's book.

1. Vice President, Jean Averette, was asked to change the heading of the "visitors" list to a term that would better describe local auxiliary members who attend the convention. Some suggestions were "non-delegate" list or "local auxiliary member" list.
2. Dianne Riley was asked to arrange for a fourth usher badge to be made for use at the convention.

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3. Teresa Grubbs, corresponding secretary, was asked to write a note of thanks to Calvin Craft, Pitt County Sheriff's department, for the pocketbooks given to the women at the convention.

4. The Shady Grove OFWB Woman's Auxiliary was commended for their tremendous effort in raising money for the mission work in Bulgaria.

5. Joan Little, president, will contact Martha Parsons requesting all youth records (including treasurer's report) and asking that a check for the funds of the Youth Convention be mailed to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB following the 2008 Youth Convention. This request is to clarify information during this time of transition for the Youth Convention and the Youth Task Force.

6. Carolyn Jernigan, study course chairman, was asked to include Linda Herring, White Oak Grove OFWB Church of the Eastern Conference to the list of study course speakers in Devotion. We were informed that Linda McCoy was interested in providing a study course on a Christian's view on facing breast cancer. Carolyn was asked to pursue the feasibility of this type of study with Linda McCoy.

7. May Pittman, Cragmont Woman's Conference director, reported that the 2008 Morning Star Retreat included five men and a silent auction. The dates for Morning Star 2009 are April 17-19.

8. Dr. Burkette Raper provided information on the North Carolina Foundation of Christian Ministries. A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Jean Averette, and passed to adopt a resolution to recognize and support the North Carolina Foundation of Christian Ministries. A copy of this resolution is in the secretary's book.

9. Jackie Flowers, benevolence, reminded us to support the Children's Home by purchasing gift cards for their use from Wal Mart, Piggly Wiggly, Harris Teeter, and Food Lion. She also reminded us of workdays with the Luther Hodges Ministry in Alabama (this work ships used Christian literature to other nations).

10. Jean Ackiss, field secretary, reminded us that many times our work involves phone and e-mail contacts that are not a part of the written reports we give.

11. Dianne Riley, program prayer, received praise from everyone at the committee meeting for a wonderful 2008 convention program. She thanked everyone for their part in the convention program and asked for names to participate for next year.

12. Becky Jo Sumner, literature committee, presented the final draft for the revised Manual of Methods. Executive committee members were asked to review the revised manual and contact Becky Jo by September 1, 2008 with any changes. A motion was made by Nadine Crocker, seconded by Dianne Riley, and passed for the literature committee to proceed with the printing of the manual after September 1, 2008. It is hoped that the manual will be ready for sale at the 2009 Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

13. It is hoped that Becky Jo Sumner or other members of the literature committee and/or executive committee will be able to present information about the new A-1 Standard of

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Achievement at district Woman's Auxiliary Conventions in the fall (2008) and/or spring (2009).

14. A motion was made by Becky Jo Sumner, seconded by Jean Ackiss, and passed to recommend the following changes to the Woman's Auxiliary Constitution at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention in May 2009. A brief summary of these changes follow. The constitution with all recommended changes is located in the secretary's book.

Constitution

- Article III. Officers and Executive Committee – Youth coordinator will replace youth auxiliary chairman.

Bylaws

- Article I. Duties of Officers
- Section 1. President – Add “or send a proxy”
- Section 4. Corresponding Secretary – Delete “thereby acquainting herself with all records and work of this office”
- Section 5. Treasurer – Replace “pay out same only” and “paid out” with “distribute”
- Section 10. Program Prayer Chairperson – Replace “state” with “convention”
- Article IV. Expenses – Replace “state” with “convention”
- Article V. Standing Committees
- Section 2. Youth Committee - delete section
- Starting with Section 3 and continuing through Section 6 renumber with Section 3 becoming Section 2; Section 4 becoming Section 3; Section 5 becoming Section 4; and Section 6 becoming Section 5.
- Section 3. Cragmont Stockholders Committee – change to Cragmont Board Representatives
- Section 3. Replace “stockholder's” meetings to the “Cragmont Board meetings”
- Section 4. Life Membership Award Committee – replace “It shall be the duty of this committee to distribute Life Awards and certificates as designated by the executive committee.” with “It shall be their duty to present the award annually at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.”
- Section 5. Literature Committee – add “or selection of literature”
- Section 6. Christian Education Committee – add “The Christian Education Committee will meet annually.”

15. Becky Jo Sumner, compiling editor of Devotion, reported that the 2009 Devotion was at the printers and that the literature committee had approved the theme, “wisdom”, for the 2010 Devotion.

16. Each officer was asked to make a list of the things they do in their Woman's Auxiliary office and when each item on the list needs to be done for their office. This information would be compiled in an Executive Committee Handbook.

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17. A motion was made by Becky Jo Sumner, seconded by Dianne Riley, and passed to appoint Carol Pittman to serve the unexpired term of Jane C. Tripp (deceased) on the literature committee.

18. The committee complimented the work of the Youth Task Force and the Reverend John Hill's presentation of this committee's work at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

19. President Little will check with The Reverend Ronnie Hobgood on the status of the grave marker for Mrs. Peedin and on the status of a grave marker for Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. It had been brought to the committee's attention at a previous meeting that the graves of these leaders in the Woman's Auxiliary did not have tombstones.

20. Dianne Riley, program prayer chairperson, will include in the 2009 Woman's Auxiliary Convention program book memorial information on Ruth Warwick and Ruth Moye Clark Taylor, former officers of the convention. May Pittman will provide the article on Mrs. Taylor and Jane Parker will provide the article on Mrs. Warwick. This information should be mailed to recording secretary to be preserved in the auxiliary record. This material will be forwarded by Ms. Sumner to Ms. Riley for the convention program book

21. Becky Jo Sumner, Joan Little, Jean Ackiss, Teresa Grubbs, and Dianne Riley were named to a committee to write resolutions to honor the work of Ruth Moye Clark Taylor, Ruth Warwick, Hilda Sasser, and Clara Patrick. These resolutions are to be mailed to the families, to the FWB magazine, to the OFWB Historic collection, and to be placed in the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

22. A motion was made by Jean Ackiss, seconded by Nadine Crocker, and passed to remove "Cornerstone" as the name for the September Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, to table until the January executive meeting the renaming of the September retreat and to use "Cornerstone" as the name for the July/August Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Conference.

23. It was reported that the Rodgers Chapel, Mount Olive College, renovation project is completed. It was stated that all planned work had been completed.

24. A motion was made by Jackie Flowers, seconded by Jean Averette, and passed not to fill the position of assistant to the Woman's Auxiliary Cragmont Conferences registrar and director. It was decided that this position will be filled when and if a need arises.

25. Teresa Grubbs was asked to contact The Reverend Frankie Baggett about directing the 2009 Youth Frontier Conference at Cragmont Assembly.

26. As information, we were reminded that the nominating committee will remain the presidents of the six Woman's Auxiliary district conventions with Jane Parker, Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary president, as chairman through the 2009 Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

27. Teresa Grubbs was asked to write inviting the woman's auxiliaries of the Paul Palmer Conference to join the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of OFWB.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

28. Appointing a person to be responsible for all convention displays in 2009 was tabled until the January executive meeting.

29. The Fall Woman's Auxiliary District Conventions are:

Albemarle – October 4, 2008 at Sidney OFWB - 9:30 a.m.

Cape Fear – October 4, 2008 at Pleasant Grove OFWB - 9:00 a.m.

Central – September 27, 2008 at Free Union OFWB – 9:15 a.m.

Eastern – September 20, 2008 at Macedonia OFWB – 9:30 a.m.

Pee Dee – October 4, 2008 at Cypress Creek OFWB

Western – October 1, 2008 at Pleasant Grove OFWB – 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Nadine Crocker.

President – Joan Little

Recording Secretary – Becky Jo Sumner

Report To
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention
Of Original Free Will Baptists

May 8, 2008

Albemarle District, Host

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

Compilation of Woman's Auxiliary District Reports.

Districts reporting – 6

Number of local auxiliaries reporting – 122

Enrollment – 2300

Average Attendance – 1651

Life Membership Awarded - 19

Cottage Prayer Meetings - 105

Rest Home Services – 204

Articles written for publication - 123

STUDY COURSES

Missions – 28 with 482 in attendance

Auxiliary Manual – 29 with 161 in attendance

Prayer – 23 with 268 in attendance

Stewardship – 26 with 297 in attendance

Evangelism – 22 with 242 in attendance

Other – 11 with 179 in attendance

Total – 139 with 1629 in attendance

Auxiliaries using **DEVOTION** – 104

Weeks of Prayer – 89

Auxiliaries divided into Circles – 9 Total Circles – 24

Using the Standard of Achievement Chart – 34

North Carolina Prayer Band members – 95

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

YOUTH

44 Cherub Organizations with 370 members

54 AFC Organizations with 502 members

54 YFA Organizations with 514 members

14 other organizations with 356 members

Competition Participation

Performing Talent – 136

Arts and Crafts – 64

Public Speaking – 0

Christian Writing – 4

Lesson Presentation – 5

Bible Bowl – 23

Youth helped to go to Cragmont Youth Conference – 308

Boy/Girl Scout groups – 10 Scout leaders or assistants - 15

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Of Original Free Will Baptist

A-1 Auxiliaries

May 8, 2008

Albemarle: Sound Side

Cape Fear: Shady Grove, Hopewell, Lee's Chapel, Bethel, Powhatan, Yelverton Grove, Robert's Grove

Central: King's Cross Roads, Little Creek, Marlboro

Eastern: Deep Run, Folkstone

Pee Dee: Beaverdam

Western: Pleasant Hill, Piney Grove, Union Grove, First Church Wilson, Spring Hill

General Fund Report
For Year Beginning May 1, 2007 and Ending April 30, 2008

Balance brought forward May 1, 2007 \$7,042.90

	Receipts	
General Fund:		
Registrations	2,750.00	
Anonymous gift	200.00	
Special offering for NGR	135.00	
Per cap dues	512.77	
Woman's Auxiliary Pins	810.00	
Life Award Pins	475.00	
Woman's Auxiliary General Fund	150.00	
State Youth Convention	25.00	
Payment for <u>Devotion</u>	400.00	
Convention of OFWB	150.00	
Camp Vandemere	12.50	
Carolina Bible Institute	25.00	
FWB Press	104.00	5,749.27
Denominational Ministries:	48,705.08	48,705.08
Total Receipts:	54,454.35	54,454.35
Total for which to account:	61,497.25	61,497.25

	Disbursements	
Convention Allocations and Expenses	6,345.50	
NGR Room	3,569.31	
State Youth Convention	25.00	
Convention of OFWB	150.00	
Camp Vandemere	12.50	
Becky Jo Sumner for <u>Devotion</u>	400.00	
Carolina Bible Institute	25.00	
FWB Press	104.00	10,631.31
Denominational Ministries	48,705.08	
Total Disbursed		59,336.39

Balance for which to account 2,160.86
First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Inc.

2,160.86
Respectfully submitted
Nadine Crocker, treasurer

Denominational Ministries Report
For Year Beginning May 1, 2007 and Ending April 30, 2008

	ITEMIZED	RECEIVED	DISBURSED
HOME MISSIONS			
General Fund (project)	\$6,778.98		
Sowers Club	209.00		
Disaster Relief	223.75		
Abrahams	50.00	7,261.73	7,261.73
FOREIGN MISSIONS			
General Fund (project)	6,623.28		
European Mission	220.00		
Mexican Mission	900.00		
Van der Plas	50.00		
Harold Jones	50.00		
Bulgaria Church	500.00		
Jamie and Lynette	100.00	8,443.26	8,443.26
MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE			
Raper Bldg. (project)	2,669.15		
General Fund	2,061.20		
Anna Phillips Student Loan Fund	240.00		
Chandler Scholarship	50.00		
Christian Ministries	100.00	5,120.35	5,120.35
FWB CHILDREN'S HOME			
General Fund (project)	9,492.71		
Friends of Children	1,020.00		
Child's Allowance	130.00		
Bobby Taylor Endowment	1,025.00		
Child's Christmas	530.00	12,197.71	12,197.71
Cragmont			
General Fund (project)	2,882.64		
New Heights	250.00		
Vision Walk	50.00	3,182.64	3,182.64
MINISTER'S PROGRAM		2,494.56	2,494.56
RETIREMENT HOMES INC		2,512.06	2,512.06
SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES		1,894.56	1,894.56
LIFE AWARD FEES -CHILDREN'S HOME		480.00	480.00
CHRISTIAN SERVICE			
Home Missions	511.83		
Foreign Missions	511.83		
Mount Olive College	1,023.64		
FWB Children's Home	767.73		
Cragmont	767.72		
Minister's Program	511.82		
Retirement Homes	511.82		
Sunday School Ministries	511.82	5,118.21	5,118.21
TOTAL		48,705.08	48,705.08



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

PREAMBLE

We, the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, assembled in order to advance, promote, and increase the cause of Jesus Christ, do establish and ordain this constitution and these bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Section 1: This assembly shall be known as the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Section 2: This Convention shall hold an annual session commencing on Wednesday after the third Sunday in May of each year; the place of such meetings to be determined by the Convention or the executive committee. Special sessions may be called by the executive committee in the event of the existence of needs of sufficient urgency.

Article II

Section 1: The officers of this Convention shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer. No more than 2 officers of the Convention shall be from the same conference.

Section 2: The Convention shall be composed of the general officers, members of standing boards, committees or commissions, all ordained ministers, and heads of ministries who are members of churches of conferences or associations that are affiliated with the Convention, and who personally subscribe and adhere to the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (of the English General Baptist Heritage)*; one delegate from each church in good standing for every one hundred members or a fraction thereof, and one delegate from each union meeting, conference, or association in good standing for every five hundred members or a fraction thereof.

Section 3: A denominational ministry of the Original Free Will Baptist Church is an institution or enterprise that provides Christian Ministry on behalf of and at the direction of the Convention and the governing body is elected directly or indirectly by the Convention or its member churches. These denominational ministries being: (1) Free Will Baptist Children's Home, (2) Free Will Baptist Board of Home Missions and Evangelism, (3) O.F.W.B. International (Foreign Missions), (4) Free Will Baptist Minister's Program, (5) Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Inc., (6) Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., (7) Church Finance Association, (8) Cragmont Assembly, Inc., (9) Mount Olive College, (10) Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board.

Additional denominational ministries may be created by a 2/3 vote of the Convention in a regular session, upon meeting the preceding requirements.

Section 4: Associate membership in the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists shall be extended to denominations, foreign Conventions, conferences, or organized groups of like faith recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Convention.

BYLAWS

Article I

Section 1: The work of this Convention shall be departmentalized, with a board of control over each department. Each board shall be governed by rules set forth by the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Convention to solicit the cooperation of the conferences and associations in promoting the work of these departments.

Section 2: All members of the Convention shall have a right of voice and vote on any issue before the body, providing they have been properly recognized by the presiding officer. They shall serve the Convention in any capacity when called upon by the proper authority. Before membership in the Convention is established, all ministers and delegates must be properly registered.

Section 3: Associate members may send representatives to the Annual Convention. Duly appointed representatives shall be extended all the privileges of members, except voting.

Article II

Officers, Boards, Committees, and the Manner of Their Election

Section 1: *President*: The president shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 2: *Vice-President*: The vice-president shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 3: *Recording Secretary*: The recording secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 4: *Director of Convention Services*: The Director of Convention Services shall be employed by the Convention under such contract as may be agreed upon by himself and the executive committee. The Convention's executive committee shall be the directing and governing authority of this office.

Section 5: *Treasurer*: The treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. A positional bond of not less than \$5,000 shall be continuously maintained.

Section 6: *Children's Home Board*: The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, shall be composed of twelve (12) members including two (2) ladies, one (1) alumnus of the Children's Home that was a child at the Home, and a cross representation of the Convention, with terms of three (3) members expiring each year, the vacancies to be filled by the Convention. No person is eligible to serve on this board for more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms.

Section 7: *Board of Minister's Program*: The Board of Minister's Program shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 8: *O.F.W.B. International*: The O.F.W.B. International shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 9: *Board of Trustees*: The Board of Trustees shall be composed of three (3) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 10: *Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock*: The stock held by this Convention in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall be represented by six (6) members

with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 11: *Representatives of Convention Membership of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation*: The memberships held by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall be represented by one (1) member elected annually by the Convention.

Section 12: *Representatives of Church Finance Association Stock*: The stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall be represented by one (1) member elected annually by the Convention.

Section 13: *Historical Commission*: The Historical Commission shall be composed of three (3) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 14: *Executive Committee*: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, and one representative elected by the Convention from each member conference. The representative from each member conference shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The recording secretary and treasurer, and half the conference representatives shall be elected on odd numbered years and the president, vice president, and half the conference representatives shall be elected on even numbered years. In the event of an uneven number of conference representatives, the simple majority shall be elected on odd numbered years.

Section 15: *Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College*: The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College shall consist of a maximum of thirty (30) members, each elected by the Convention for a term of six (6) years, with the term of five (5) members expiring annually. No member shall be removed from membership during any unexpired term without due process as prescribed by the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*. It is expressly provided that a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of the members shall hold membership in churches affiliated with the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Members shall assume office on December 1 following their election at the annual session of the Convention in May.

Section 16: *Commission on Chaplains*: The Commission on Chaplains shall be composed of five (5) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 17: *Layman's League Board*: The Layman's League Board shall be composed of twelve (12) members with the terms of four members expiring each year; the vacancies to be filled by the Convention.

Section 18: *Board of Home Missions and Evangelism*: The Board of Home Missions and Evangelism shall be composed of seven (7) members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 19: *Retirement Homes Board*: The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes shall be composed of ten (10) members elected by the Convention for a term of five (5) years with the term of two members expiring each year. Each conference shall be represented on this board with one member per fifty churches or fraction thereof.

Section 20: *Sunday School Board*: The Sunday School Board shall be composed of nine (9) members, with at least one member from each of the conferences of our denomination. The members of this board are to be elected to three-year terms with the term of three (3) members expiring each year.

Section 21: *Commission on Youth and Student Ministry Leadership*: The Commission on Youth and Student Ministry Leadership shall be composed of five (5)

members with the term of one member expiring each year; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention. Of these five (5) members there shall be at least one (1) ordained Original Free Will Baptist minister, one (1) salaried youth minister, and one (1) lay person.

Section 22: The Commission on Education for Christian Ministry shall be composed of seven persons, each elected for a period of seven years, with the terms of one member expiring annually; the vacancy to be filled by the Convention.

Section 23: No persons shall be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee while they are a member of any other board, standing committee, or commission of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists or any of our denominational ministries (institutions and enterprises).

Section 24: *Term Limits*: No person shall be eligible to serve as a general officer of the Convention for more than two (2) consecutive terms except the treasurer who may serve no more than four (4) consecutive two (2) year terms.

Article III

Duties and Responsibilities

Section 1: *President*: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage, and to work with a subcommittee of three from the Executive Committee to appoint all temporary committees. He shall have power to declare any office of the Convention vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of the Convention or the executive committee. He shall have authority to call meetings of the executive committee, when such is needful, and preside over said meetings.

The president shall be *ex officio* member of all boards, standing committees, and commissions of the Convention.

Section 2: *Vice-President*: The duties of the vice-president shall be the duties of the president when that officer is not present.

Section 3: *Recording Secretary*: The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents, and shall secure and maintain all bonds required by the Convention, and surrender the same to his/her successor in office.

Section 4: *Treasurer*: The treasurer shall hold all money belonging to the Convention. He shall pay all bills ordered by the Convention or the executive committee; other bills paid must be approved by the president and recording secretary. He shall give an annual report to the Convention; also make reports to the executive committee when called for.

Section 5: *Children's Home Board*: The Children's Home shall be responsible for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex. It shall give an annual report to the Convention setting forth its progress, needs and achievements.

Section 6: *Board of Original Free Will Baptist Minister's Program*: It shall be the purpose of this board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this Convention. They shall seek to provide for our aged, retired, and infirm ministers in some form of a superannuation program; also seek to offer to our active ministers some program whereby they may help to provide for their future security and retirement.

Section 7: *O.F.W.B. International*: The O.F.W.B. International shall regulate and supervise all mission work under the control of the Convention outside of the continental United States. However, the board shall have the right and authority to establish a business office and own such property and assets in the United States as is

necessary to the operation of a foreign missions program. Furthermore, they shall have the responsibility to promote the cause of foreign missions, raise funds, and supervise the expenditure of these funds.

Section 8: *Board of Trustees*: The Board of Trustees shall hold title of all properties belonging to this Convention and not assigned to other bodies. It shall have the power to convey such properties when authorized by the Convention.

Section 9: *Representatives of Cragmont Assembly Stock*: The representatives of the stock held by this Convention in Cragmont Assembly, Inc., shall work jointly with representatives of other auxiliaries holding stock in said institution.

Section 10: *Representatives of Convention Membership of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation*: The representatives of the membership held by this Convention in the Free Will Baptist Press shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the representatives of the Press at Ayden, N.C., to transact any business that may come before them.

Section 11: *Representatives of Church Finance Association Stock*: The representatives of the membership stock held by this Convention in the Church Finance Association, Inc., shall meet annually, or as often as called upon, with the stockholders of the corporation for the purpose of transacting any business that may come before them.

Section 12: *Historical Commission*: The Historical Commission shall make research, compile same, and record historical events of the denomination to date; these documents become the property of the Convention and shall be held by the recording secretary.

Section 13: *Executive Committee*: The work of the Executive Committee shall be that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. It shall call as many sessions as necessary between the annual sessions of the Convention to transact business. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when such officer proves a failure in duties, is non-Christian or detrimental to the cause of Christ, and appoint another to fill the vacancy, also fill vacancies by any other cause.

The executive committee shall supervise the work of the promotional department between the annual sessions of the Convention as most practicable to our Convention work and in keeping with the expressed will of the annual session of the Convention.

A report of all transactions of this committee shall be made to the Convention in annual session.

Section 14: *Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College*: The governance of Mount Olive College shall be vested in the board of trustees elected by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. The board shall have power to organize at will and to create such bylaws as may be deemed essential for its governance, consistent with the charter of the College. All amendments to the charter of Mount Olive College shall be approved by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Section 15: *Commission on Chaplains*: The responsibilities of this commission will be to formulate policies and procedures relative to the endorsement and supervision of Original Free Will Baptist ministers for the chaplaincy of the United States Armed Services and all other institutions and organizations using such services in the U. S. A.

Section 16: *Layman's League Board*: It shall be the responsibility of this board to perpetuate the Layman's League organization on a local and Convention level, and in cooperation with the Free Will Baptist Press provide programs and other such literature as may be needed for the advancement of this organization.

Section 17: *Board of Home Missions and Evangelism*: The Board of Home Missions and Evangelism shall supervise all missionary and church extension work within the United States. They shall also oversee the formulation and promotion of church sponsored scouting programs and the God and Country Award of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Board of Home Missions and Evangelism shall have the right and responsibility to promote evangelism and home missions and oversee the scouting programs, raise funds and supervise the disbursements of these funds of home missions and evangelism and scouting programs.

Section 18: *Retirement Homes Board*: The Retirement Homes Board shall be responsible for the management and control of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Ministries. The scope of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Ministries is to own, operate, and maintain apartments, rest homes, skilled nursing care, day care and all other facilities and services necessary or incidental to the operation of such retirement ministries and to do all other things usually done in the conduct of such ministries for the care of elderly and indigent persons.

Section 19: *Sunday School Board*: The Sunday School Board will be responsible for promoting the overall improvement and growth of the local Sunday Schools throughout our denomination and the interest of Christian education in general. To this end, the Board will make available to the churches of our denomination qualified resource persons, practical learning opportunities and materials to enable and equip people to respond to God's call through an understanding of teaching and learning for all.

Section 20: *Commission on Youth and Student Ministry Leadership*: It shall be the responsibility of this commission to focus on equipping leaders of youth and student ministries for effective Christian ministry. This commission will advocate for outlets for youth and student ministry among Convention Ministries, through the Woman's Auxiliary, Layman's League, State Youth Convention and other events that facilitate leadership development among youth and student leaders. This commission will also be responsible for offering recommendations to and assisting Churches and Conferences in issues dealing with both salaried and volunteer youth and student ministry staff.

This commission shall work in support of all other youth and student organizations to bring about unity in the mission field of youth and student ministry. This commission shall uphold a spirit of unity and cooperativeness.

Section 21: *Commission on Education for Christian Ministry*: The work of the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry shall be:

1. To provide a medium for voluntary coordination of services by agencies within the Convention which address the equipping of those called to Christian ministry,
2. To provide a resource of information, publications, literature and other media, along with appropriate consultation relative to educational options, for those called to Christian ministry, including pastoral services, youth ministry, services to the elderly, church music, counseling, Christian education and other Christian vocations; and
3. To provide appropriate conferences, workshops and other learning opportunities which will foster excellence in Christian ministry.

AMENDMENTS

The constitution and these bylaws shall not be changed or altered except by a two-thirds vote of members present in a regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall during that time be read not less than twice in open Convention.

This Constitution and bylaws were updated following the Convention of May, 2008.









2009 Annual Conference Schedule

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

October 7, 2009

Mt. Zion FWB Church, Roper, NC

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

November 10, 2009

First FWB Church, Goldsboro, NC

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

November 5, 2009

Kings Cross Roads FWB Church, Farmville, NC

EASTERN CONFERENCE

October 22, 2009

Sound View FWB Church, Newport, NC

PAUL PALMER CONFERENCE

July 18, 2009

Zion FWB Church, Blakely, GA

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

October 17, 2009

Pine Level FWB Church, Nakina, NC

PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

July 24 & 25, 2009

Christ FWB Church, Stokesdale, NC

WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 15, 2009

Branch Chapel FWB Church, Selma, NC

